

Adam Eckfeldt

*Articles of Agreement* made and concluded  
upon this first Day of January Anno Domini 1796, Between Elias  
Deidinet, Director of the Mint of the United States, of the first part, and  
Adam Eckfeldt, of the City of Philadelphia, Blacksmith, of the other part,  
Witnesseth, That the S. Elias Deidinet, doth hereby promise to appoint,  
the S. Adam Eckfeldt to the Office of Assistant to the Chief Coiner of the S. Mint  
at the Rate of Seven Hundred Dollars the Year to be paid according to the  
Rules of the Mint — In Consideration whereof the said Adam  
Eckfeldt, doth hereby promise, undertake, and agree, well & truly to do,  
and perform the Duties of Assistant to the Chief Coiner in the said Mint:  
And particularly, he shall oversee & keep at their Work, all the inferior Work-  
men and Servants employed in the Department, and shall more par-  
ticularly undertake the cutting of all Planchets that may be necessary  
in S. Mint — He shall oversee & direct the striking of all Coins — He  
shall oversee & direct the Blacksmith employed in S. Mint, in all the smiths  
work to be made in S. Mint, and keep a regular Account of all the Coal,  
Iron & Steel, purchased and used therein — He shall personally, forge,  
turn & harden all the Dies & Rubbers used in S. Mint, and so, or direct  
to be done every thing necessary thereto, except the Engraving & polishing —  
And lastly, he shall generally execute & perform the Orders of the Director  
& Chief Coiner of the S. Mint, and in all things direct himself in con-  
formity to the Rules & Orders established therein. In Witness  
whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their  
Hands and Seals the day & Year first above written.

Sealed & delivered As Witness  
in presence of  
Thomas

Adam Eckfeldt



Mint of the United States. 2<sup>d</sup> April 1796.

The principal Professor of the Mint's wages are raised to three Hundred Dollars p<sup>ann</sup> in future — The other remaining as it now is — but this is to be considered in full, and not to be affected by any Resolution of Congress to add to Salaries, in case any should pass —

(Signed) Elias Boudinot D<sup>M</sup>.

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No Deposit rec<sup>d</sup> from this Time till the <sup>Twenty-fifth</sup> day of April Instant, will be paid to the Chief Coiner for the purpose of coining, that Time being allotted to him that he may close and discharge his Acc<sup>t</sup> of Silver & Gold Bullion rec<sup>d</sup> to this Day from the Month of Oct<sup>r</sup> last. He will therefore use his utmost Diligence to melt up his Sutherage &c &c and settle his Bullion & Coin Acc<sup>t</sup> by that Time if possible — All Depositors during this Period must be informed of the Delay which will necessarily be occasioned by this Order —

(Signed) Elias Boudinot D<sup>M</sup>.

Articles of Agreement made this twenty Day of March Anno Domini 1796 Between Elias Boudinot, Director of the Mint of the United States, for the Time being, of the one Part, & John Vaughan, of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, of the other Part — Whereas the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan, as Agent for, and in the Name of James Swan, hath deposited in the S<sup>t</sup> Mint, a Quantity of Bullion, which has since been discovered to contain a considerable Quantity of Gold — And whereas it is now agreed to withdraw the S<sup>t</sup> Deposit in order that the S<sup>t</sup> Bullion may be separated for the Advantage of the Depositor, but

But the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan is under a Difficulty to obtain proper Furnaces and Tools for the Purpose of the Separation, altho' he has engaged a professional person for that purpose — And also whereas the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan has obtained his the President's Approbation of his having the Use of the Works, Tools & Materials belonging to the Mint, necessary for separating S<sup>t</sup> Metals, on Condition that, it the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan shall make Compensation to the United States for the Tances, Value of the Articles used, as far as the same may be consumed, destroyed, lost or injured in the Separation aforesaid, and shall also replace the 2000<sup>th</sup> of Salt Petre issued from the public Store for this Operation, within two Years, or when demanded by the Treasury or War Department of the United States, or on Failure thereof, pay for the same at the price which the Government shall be obliged to give at the Time of such Failure to replace the same — Now it is hereby agreed, between the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan aforesaid, that the S<sup>r</sup> Elias Boudinot, Director for the Time being, shall <sup>has</sup> suffer Joseph Richardson, who is employed by the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan to perform the Process of Separation aforesaid, to have the Use of the Works, Tools and Materials belonging to the Mint that may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, together with the necessary Assistance of Workmen employed in the Mint for the purpose of separating the S<sup>t</sup> Metals agreeably to the President's Directions aforesaid. And the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan doth hereby <sup>has</sup> agree for himself, his Executors, Admors & Assigns, and for all persons interested in the S<sup>t</sup> Bullion, that he will well & truly pay to the Treasurer of the S<sup>t</sup> Mint, on the Order or Warrant of the Director of S<sup>t</sup> Mint, a full true Compensation for the Value of the Works, Tools & Materials used in the process aforesaid, as far as the same in that process shall be consumed, destroyed or injured, together with the Wages of the Workmen, the whole to be ascertained & determined by the S<sup>r</sup> Joseph Richardson by a Certificate in Writing under his Hand when the S<sup>t</sup> Separation shall be finished. And that the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan shall & will also well & truly replace in the public Store in Philad<sup>a</sup> the 2000<sup>th</sup> of Salt Petre issued for the Use of the Process aforesaid within two Years from the Date hereof, or sooner if demanded by the Secretary of the Treasury or War Department, and in case of Failure, shall & will pay such a Sum of Money as will be sufficient to purchase the like Quantity of 2000<sup>th</sup> of Salt Petre as aforesaid — And the S<sup>r</sup> John Vaughan further doth oblige himself and those concerned in S<sup>t</sup> Bullion deposited, all the Gold & Silver contained therein (when separated) for Coinage in the S<sup>t</sup> Mint of the United States in



the usual Manner In Witness whereof the Parties to these presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written

Sealed & delivered  
in the presence of

Nath<sup>l</sup> Thomas  
J<sup>r</sup> Hough

(Signed) J<sup>n</sup> Vaughan Secy

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Orders and Directions  
for conducting the Mint of the  
United States,  
established by Elias Boudinot  
Director of said Mint.

November 2<sup>d</sup> 1793

1<sup>st</sup> The Accounts of the Mint.

All Accounts of the Mint, are to be entered and kept precisely according to the Instructions of the Treasury Department of the United States, by the Treasurer's Clerk, as follows.

All Transactions of the Mint shall be rendered quarterly for Settlement by the Treasurer, under two general Divisions, the first of which is to comprise the Receipts and Expenditures in relation to the ordinary Expenses of the Mint, and the second, the Accounts in Relation to Bullion and Coinage.

In respect to the first mentioned Class of Accounts, the following Course of Business is to be observed.

1<sup>st</sup> All Monies appropriated by Law for the Support and maintenance

of the Mint which may be advanced by the Treasury of the United States, will be granted (on Application of the Director) in the Name of the Treasurer of the Mint, and are to be deposited in the Bank of the United States to his Credit in a separate Account.

2<sup>d</sup> As incident to the Duties specially assigned by Law to the Treasurer, it is proposed that he should receive all Claims upon the Mint, in the first instance, and in case of their Adjustment, cause them to be examined, stated and classed under the following Heads,

Salaries of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint.

Wages of Labourers.

Incidental & contingent Expenses and Repairs.

Copper purchased for Coinage.

When an Account has been stated and examined by the Treasurer, it ought to be presented to the Director, with a Certificate annexed, that the Calculations are accurate, that the Vouchers, if any, have been compared, and that the Claim has not been previously satisfied at the Mint.

In case the Account is admitted by the Director, he will issue his Warrant, directing the Treasurer to make Payment, which Warrant, with a Receipt from the Party in whose favour the same is drawn endorsed thereon, accompanied with the original Statement and Vouchers, will form a valid Discharge in favour of the Treasurer.

In some Instances it will be necessary to advance Monies for the Use of the Mint, before a Settlement is made, but in all Cases of this Nature the Warrants of the Director must specially express, that the receiving Party is to be charged and held accountable in the Books of the Mint, and for such Payments duplicate Receipts are to be taken, one of which is to be endorsed on the Warrant, and the other to be filed as a Voucher to support the Charge to be made against the Individual.

In order to the Discharge of a Person to whom Monies may have been advanced, the Accounts showing the Disbursement, ought to be presented to the Treasurer, to be stated, examined and certified to the Director for his approbation, which being obtained, the Account of the Individual ought to be credited therefor in the Books of the Treasurer, and the sum allowed, carried to the proper Account of Expenditure.

All Payments and Settlements made at the Mint, are subject nevertheless, to the final Decision of the Officers of the Treasury, who will on a Settlement hold the Treasurer responsible for any Errors in the Statements certified by him, and the Director in case any sums are admitted without legal Authority.



Authority.

The quarterly account of the Treasurer for the Expenses of the Mint, is to be made up & rendered in the following manner.

In the first place, Abstracts are to be framed of all Expenditures on Accounts settled at the Mint under each of the general Heads before mentioned, supported by the original statements, vouchers and Warrants. The amount of these Abstracts are then to be separately carried to the Debit of an Account-Current.

On the credit side, the Balance on Hand at the end of the preceding quarter, if any, as also all Moneys received from the Treasury, and all sums repaid by Individuals, are to be separately stated; the account is then to be balanced in such a manner as to exhibit what sum remains in the Bank unexpended, and also any sums which shall have been advanced to Individuals, and for which they shall not have accounted.

In regard to the second class of accounts, being those which relate to Bullion and Coinage, the following Rules are to be observed.

All Bullion is to be received by the Treasurer of the United States, or, except in the case of a Deposit by the Treasurer of the United States, he grant Receipts therefor according to the printed form: These Receipts are to be dated and numbered progressively in the order in which the Deposits are made, distinguishing by a different series, those given for Silver from those given for Gold.

The Receipts above mentioned are in the first instance to express the gross weight of all Bullion as delivered into the Treasury of the Mint, leaving the supplementary Note at the foot of the Form blank, to be filled up from the Assayer's Return in the manner hereafter prescribed.

All Receipts are to be entered in a Register, in which two accounts are to be opened for Individuals, one of which is to be appropriated for entering Receipts for Gold, and the other for Silver Bullion: On granting a Receipt, the Entry will be made as far as respects the Column headed Gross Weight, leaving the succeeding Columns blank.

When the Quantity of standard Gold or Silver contained in a Receipt has been ascertained by the Assayer, the same is to be entered in the Register, and the Assayer's Certificate carefully preserved as a Voucher.

The Treasurer is then to compute the Value of the Deposit in Coins of the United States, making the allowance of one pennyweight, or twenty four grains in twelve ounces for the necessary remedy, which Value is to be inserted in the proper Column in the Register, after which, when ever the Treasurer's Receipts are produced for the purpose, the Blanks in the annexed Note are to be filled up conformably to the Register.

In regard to Bullion received from the Treasurer of the United States, a course somewhat different is to be observed; the Receipts of the Treasurer of the Mint, will in this case be endorsed in order to be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, and such Receipts will be carried to separate Accounts with the Treasurer in the Register.

As the Calculations in regard to the Value of Bullion in Coins, or the Money of Account, will constitute the Basis of all subsequent Entries, and will serve to regulate future Payments at the Mint, it is of high Importance that said Calculations be made with the strictest Accuracy, to avoid fractions which cannot be represented in Coins: It ought however to be observed that no other number than five is to be inserted in the Column for Mills. All sums less than an half cent and parts between an half, and one cent will therefore be rejected in the Accounts.

When Bullion has been assayed and the Quantity of standard Metal with its Value ascertained and entered in the Register of Receipts, it is to be delivered to the Minter and Refiner, or Chief Coiner, in such quantities as shall be ordered by the Director, whose Warrant to the Treasurer, with the Minter's Receipt, or Chief Coiner's Receipt endorsed, as the case may require, will be a sufficient Voucher for the Delivery.

In addition to the Entries in the Register, all Receipts of Bullion and Deliveries of Coin, are to be recorded in a regular Set of Books, as prescribed by the Form of a Journal and Ledger, in relation to which, the following Explanations will deserve special attention.

All Bullion for which the Treasurer of the Mint is at any Time responsible, is to be entered to the Debit of the proper Account of Bullion which is to exhibit the standard weight, and the Value as expressed in the Treasurer's Receipts.

Debits against the Account of Bullion will be made in the following Cases.

1. On a Deposit for Coinage by the United States on an Individual.



2<sup>d</sup> On a Deposit of Bullion in Lieu of Coins received by Exchange.  
3<sup>d</sup> On the Return of Clippings or other Bullion into the Treasury of the Mint by the Chief Coiner or Meltor and Refiner.

Credits will be passed to the accounts of Bullion, for all Sums delivered to the Chief Coiner or Meltor and Refiner pursuant to Warrants of the Director.

The Balances of the accounts of gold Bullion and silver Bullion, will therefore constantly exhibit the quantity and value of these metals, for which the Treasurer of the Mint is responsible.

The account of uncoined Copper is to exhibit the weight of all Copper purchased for coinage with the value of its produce in Cents and half Cents. In the actual cost of Copper, purchased for coinage, the copper account of the Treasurer of the United States, is to receive credit, and if the cost of the Copper was less than its value at the Rate of one Cent for 168 Grains, the Difference is to be debited to the account of Profit & Loss for so much gained, as exemplified in the first Entry of the Journal. In case the cost of the Copper be more than the value thereof at the said Rate, the Treasurer's account will receive credit for the actual cost, and the account of Profit & Loss be debited to the account of uncoined Copper for Loss sustained, as is explained in the Entry in the Journal under Date August 10<sup>th</sup> 1794. The Balance of the account of uncoined Copper, is therefore to exhibit the quantity of Copper on hand, with the value represented by its produce in copper Coins.

Separate accounts are to be opened with the Meltor & Refiner and Chief Coiner, for gold, silver and Copper, the Debits to which will be found on Receipts entered on the Director's Warrants and will exhibit the quantities and value of all Bullion delivered for coinage. Credits will be passed to the Meltor and Refiner in the following Cases, on Warrants, or by authority from the Director.

1. On Delivery of Ingots or other Bullion of standard Value, and Grains according to their real value, to the Treasurer.
2. For Waste in melting and refining, to be ascertained & allowed by the Director.

And credit will also be passed to the Chief Coiner in the following Cases, on Warrants, or by Authority from the Director.

1. On the Delivery of Coins into the Treasury of the Mint.
2. On the Delivery of Clippings, or other Bullion of standard Value

Value to the Treasurer.

3. For Waste in coinage, to be ascertained and allowed by the Director.

The Balances of the accounts with the Meltor and Refiner and Chief Coiner are therefore to exhibit the quantities of Bullion or Copper, for which they are responsible with the value thereof in Money of the United States.

Accounts are also to be opened for gold coinage, silver coinage, and copper coinage, the Debits of which are to exhibit the species and value of all Coins received from the Meltor & Refiner and Chief Coiner, and the credit sides, the species & value of all Coins disbursed.

The Balances of these accounts are therefore constantly to exhibit the species and value of Coins for which the Treasurer is responsible, a comparison of their accounts with the Register of Deposits, will enable the Treasurer to determine when the state of the Mint will enable him to issue Coins without Prejudice to the prior Claims of Individuals.

The account styled, "Discount for Payment in Coin on Delivery of Bullion," is to be closed as exemplified in the form, by transferring the amount to the account of Profit & Loss, which last account is to exhibit at the end of each Quarter, the whole Gain or Loss in the Transactions of the Mint in respect to Bullion and coinage.

At the End of each Quarter the Books of the Mint are to be carefully balanced by transferring the Balance of every account to the Debit or Credit of the account to be opened under the head of, "Mint of the U. States," except that the Balances of personal accounts for Deposits, may be stated in the aggregate, from a List previously made, except that both the Debits and Credits of the accounts with the Treasurer of the United States, are to be carried forward to the general account of the Mint.

Separate Accounts must be kept by the Meltor & Refiner and Chief Coiner, of all Receipts, Deliveries and Payments of Coins and Bullion pursuant to which their accounts are to be rendered to the Director for allowance, after which they are to be entered in the Books of the Treasurer as before directed.

All accounts against the Mint for work done, Materials found, or Services performed (excepting the commissioned Officers of the Mint) must be exhibited to the proper Clerk on the last Day of the Month by 12 O'clock at Noon, except the same shall happen on Sunday and then on the previous Day, or they will be postponed. Payment will be made on the next work-



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working Day at 12 O'Clock, and at no other Time, special Cases of Persons living at a Distance excepted. A Warrant in favour of the Treasurer for three Hundred Dollars to answer small contingencies will be signed by the Director on every Saturday, and Account of which must be settled previous to issuing a new Warrant.

The several Officers of the Mint, whose Accounts are necessary for the quarterly Settlement above directed, must be careful to return them to the proper Clerk some Days previous to the end of each Quarter.

### Director's Clerk.

It shall be his Duty to attend at the Mint every Day during the Hours of Work, and to prepare all Warrants necessary for the Director's Signature, carefully comparing them with the Vouchers, to see that no Error passes undetected, for which he must be accountable. He is to make fair Entries of the same in the Director's Book, before they are delivered out of his Hands, and to file all Vouchers to be kept by the Director. He is to keep fair and plain Accounts of all the Bullion for which Warrants are issued, as well as Abstracts of all Warrants for Payment of Accounts, Services, &c.

He is to keep a day Book of every Transaction that passes the Director, and to enter in the Letter Book the Copies of all Letters written by the Director and carefully to file all Letters, Orders, and other Papers received relative to the Mint. He is to enter in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, all Contracts made with Workmen and Persons employed in, and about the Mint, and also for Purchases of Materials used therein.

He will receive all the Dies & Hubbs returned from the Engraver, and carefully secure them in a place to be kept by the Director for that Purpose. — Every Monday Morning he will call for the Engraver's Report of the Number & quality of Dies delivered by him the preceding Week, to the Hardener of Dies for hardening. A regular Account of all which he will keep in a Book for that special Purpose. He will see that the Chief Coiner is constantly charged with all the Dies that may be issued to him, and credited with all such defaced and broken Dies as shall be

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be returned by him. He will from time to time assist the Assayer and Engraver in keeping their Accounts and making out their Returns, if they shall require it. He will from time to time, at least once in each Day, visit the different Works of the Mint, to see that the Rules of the Mint are observed, that there is nothing wanting in any of the Departments, and to expedite the general Business as far as it is in his Power. — If which he will make Report, when necessary to the Director.

### Chief Coiner & Melter's Clerk.

It shall be his Duty to attend at the Mint at all times during working Hours, and at such other times as requested by the Chief Coiner or Melter, and to obey their Directions, in keeping their Accounts, and making out Returns, Reports, &c. He is to make fair Entries of all Bullion received by them, or either of them, from, or of Bullion and Coins returned to, the Treasurer of the Mint. He is to keep a regular day Book of all the Transactions relative to their Departments that are calculated to shew the state of the Bullion and Coin in their Hands, or that pass through them. He is to assist those Officers in weighing and calculating all Metals and Coins, as may be required of him.

He will also make Returns twice a week, viz. on every Monday and Thursday, of the Coins finished and on Hand, in possession of the Chief Coiner, that Warrants may be issued for the same.



## The Treasurer.

All Metals brought to the Mint for Coinage fit for assaying shall be delivered to the Treasurer of the Mint, and him only, who will report the same to the Director. All Bullion in the Hands of the Treasurer after it is assayed, is to be kept in the Vault of the Mint under two Locks, the Key of one of which is to be kept by the Treasurer, the other by the Assayer.

He will from time to time deliver a sufficient Number of grains from each Deposit, to the Assayer, for the purpose of ascertaining the fine Metal contained therein.

All Metals properly assayed, and reported by the Assayer, shall be delivered from time to time to the Meltor and Refiner, in the Order in which they were deposited (unless otherwise specially directed) by the Treasurer of the Mint, on a Warrant from the Director issued for that purpose — and when returned by the Meltor and Refiner, then to the Chief Coiner in like manner, to be coined according to Law. All Bullion to be received at the Mint, if below standard, must not be in less Quantities than 200 Gr of Silver, and if of Gold, not less than 20 Gr unless the Treasurer shall think particular Circumstances may require a Deviation from the Rule.

The Treasurer must retain from every Deposit of silver Bullion below standard, two Cents  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gr. and from every Deposit of gold Bullion below standard, four Cents  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gr. unless the same shall require the Operation of the Test, in which case he must retain six Cents  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gr. to be applied towards the Expense of refining and coinage. Bullion consisting of small Articles incapable of being assayed without being melted into one Mass, is not to be received by the Treasurer until the same is melted into Bars fit for assaying — This must be done by the Depositor, before it can be received — He may make use of the Meltor and Refiner; but at his own Risque, and under his own Direction; or may have it done elsewhere; but the Mint will not be answerable, until deposited with the Treasurer.

The Treasurer will, in the presence of the Assayer, retain and reserve in his custody any Number of Pieces of Coin, from every separate Delivery of Coins, not more than five, nor less than three for the purposes

pointed out in the Act of Congress of the 2<sup>d</sup> April 1792, which Pieces shall be secured under cover, sealed with the Assayer's Seal and endorsed by the Treasurer with the Date of the Reserve, number of the Director's Warrant on the Chief Coiner for Delivery, and the number of Pieces enclosed.

The Treasurer will pay every Deposit in the Order they are made from the Coin delivered in by the Chief Coiner, on Warrants to be issued to him for that purpose. He shall from time to time report to the Director the Coins in his Hands ready to be paid to Depositors, that Warrants may be issued accordingly, which in general will refer to, and be drawn for the precise Value of a Deposit as ascertained by the Treasurer's Receipt. On Application of the Depositor with the Treasurer's Receipt, Payment must be made of the precise Sum mentioned in the Director's Warrant, for which a Receipt must be endorsed on the Warrant — The Treasurer's Receipt must then be taken up and cancelled, and the Date and Sum entered in the Register.

When Bullion is deposited by an Individual for which an immediate Payment in Coins is proposed to be made, the Treasurer is to grant a Certificate pursuant to the printed Form, on which the Director will issue a Warrant accordingly, whereupon proper Entries must be made in the Register, as well of the Receipt of the Bullion, as Payment in Coins including the Discount for prompt Payment.

All Payments made by the Treasurer, of Coins in consequence of Deposits, shall be to the Depositor in Person, or to some person duly authorized by him by Letter of Attorney, acknowledged or proved before a proper Magistrate and certified under his Seal, which Letter of Attorney shall be kept and returned with the other Vouchers to the Treasury of the United States.

In case of Payment to the Treasurer of the United States, an Order will be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, which being endorsed by the said Treasurer, is to be entered by the Treasurer of the Mint under the proper Account in the Register of Receipts.

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## The Assayer.

The Assayer will inspect all Bullion brought to the Mint, and on Receipt of Specimens of each Deposit, from time to time delivered to him by the Treasurer, will without Delay, assay the same and make Report according to the printed Form, to the Treasurer, of the true quantity of fine Gold or Silver contained therein, with its standard Amount, and if Gold, whether the same requires the operation of the Test or not.

All Specimens of Clippings or other Bullion delivered to him by the Melter and Refiner, or Chief Coiner — if before three O'clock in the Afternoon, to be assayed the same Day if practicable, if afterwards, early the next Morning.

The Assayer will from time to time, use his best Endeavours to have all the gold and silver Coins, which shall be coined in the Mint as nearly as may be, conformable to the several standards and weights appointed by Law, for which purpose he shall from time to time have the Inspection of the Metal and Coins as they pass through the Hands of the several Officers of the Mint, and when necessary, he will report his Opinion and Observations on the Bullion, Coins, and state of the Mint, or any part thereof to the Director.

The Assayer will attend the Chief Justice and others appointed by Law, on the second Monday in February in every year, for the purpose of assaying the reserved pieces as described by the Act of Congress passed the second day of April 1792.

As it is of the utmost Importance that the greatest Accuracy should be observed in all the Assayer's Calculations, being the Basis of the subsequent Entries, he will take great Care in making them with the utmost Exactness & Precision, making an Allowance in the standard Weight of all Metals assayed by him, of two grains in an ounce for the necessary Remedy.

The Assayer will make use of the Director's Clerk for any Assistance he may find necessary in his Department relative to keeping his Accounts, making out his Certificates &c.

The Assayer will attend with the Treasurer, on the Receipt of Coins from the Chief Coiner, and secure under Cover, sealed with the Seal of the Assayer, such Coins as the Treasurer shall reserve

for the Inspection of the Commissioners appointed by Law. He has under him an Assistant to aid him in his Assays when ever he shall require it, but when unnecessary, such Assistant may be employed by the Melter and Refiner or Chief Coiner.

All Gold or Silver Bullion after it is assayed, is to be kept in the Vault under two Locks, the Key of one, to be kept by the Assayer.

Whenever an Assay is made from an Ingot returned by the Melter & Refiner approved of the Assayer must immediately stamp each Ingot with a Stamp provided for that purpose bearing the Figure of a grand Eagle, which he will carefully keep locked up when not in Use.

## The Melter & Refiner.

His Duty is to receive all Bullion after it is assayed, with a Copy of the Assayer's Report, from the Treasurer of the Mint, and cause the same without Delay, to be melted and refined according to the standard of the United States, and cast into Bars in the order in which it is delivered to him unless otherwise specially directed. As soon as this Duty is executed he is to return the same to the Treasurer, to remain ready for Coinage. He will carefully keep all Bullion delivered to him, while not in actual Operation of melting or refining, in the Vault provided for that Purpose, under two Locks, one of the Keys of which he will keep, and the Chief Coiner the other. He will melt and refine all the copper Clippings and other rusty Copper that shall be delivered to him from time to time preparative to rolling, for the Coinage of Cents and half Cents. He is allowed two Assistants to aid him when necessary in the Execution of his Duty, and when unnecessary to be employed elsewhere in the Mint.

He will make use of the Chief Coiner's Clerk to aid him in keeping his Accounts, drawing his Reports &c.

In addition to former Instructions the Melter & Refiner will be careful as soon as Ingots of the precious Metals are cast ready for the Assayer, to stamp each Ingot immediately with a small Stamp provided for that purpose, bearing the Figure of sixteen Stars — and which he will be careful to keep locked up when not in Use. He may for his own Security from time to time, when the assay Furnace is not otherwise engaged, make use of it for the purpose of making quick Assays, or may keep a small assay Furnace himself for that purpose. He will from time to time report to the Director in Writing the Quantity of Ingots ready for Delivery, that Warrants may be issued in favour of the



## The Chief Coiner

It shall be the Duty of the Chief Coiner to receive from the Treasurer on Warrants to be issued for that purpose, all Bullion refined fit for Coinage, and cause the same to be rolled and coined into the Coins of the United States in such proportions as shall be from time to time ordered by the Director. He shall also roll and otherwise prepare and coin all the Copper provided from time to time for that purpose into Cents & half Cents as he shall be directed.

For this purpose, he has in his Department an Assistant, who shall forge, turn and harden all the Dies for the Engraver; oversee and direct all the blacksmith work; cut all the Planichets and direct the striking of the Coins. — A Foreman of the Mint — An Adjuster — A Millwright and Mason — A journeyman Blacksmith — A Roller — A Coiner and Annealer — A Drawer & Miller — Two Pressmen — A Doorkeeper and Night Watch — An Roller & Driver, with other necessary Workmen as occasion may require, and one Clerk to keep his Accounts and to attend the Receipt & Delivery of Metals & Coins as may be necessary.

The Chief Coiner shall keep a strong Chest in the Vault where all the precious Metals whether in Bullion or Coins, shall be locked up at Night, or when not in use; to which there shall be two Keys, one in the possession of the Chief Coiner, and one in the possession of the Melted & Refiner. He is to report all Coins when consigned to the Director, that they may be paid over to the Treasurer, whose Receipts will be the only Vouchers accepted in favor of the Chief Coiner, and these are to be given on a Warrant from the Director for that purpose.

Whenever the precious Metals are delivered to the Chief Coiner to be coined, and unusual Delays happen in the Coinage, he will report the same to the Director, with the Reasons, that the Difficulties may be removed without Delay.

He is not to suffer any person whatever, not belonging to the Mint, to visit the Works, or converse with the Workmen, without some one of the Officers of the Department introducing & attending such person. He will every three Months make a complete

Settlement of all the Bullion received by him for Coinage, & also close his Account, that the same may be rendered into the Treasury Department of the United States.

He is from time to time to report to the Director in writing what Materials will be wanting for his Department, that purchases may be made by Contract in the cheapest Manner, and no Delay suffered for Want of the same. He is also to take care that there be constantly kept, spare Dies, milling Stamps, Lockets &c. that no Delay may be suffered by their breaking.

The Chief Coiner will receive from the Director from time to time, all such Dies of every Denomination as he may think necessary for the Coinage, for which he will be charged, and he is to return from time to time to the Director, all such as shall be defaced or broken for which he will be credited. He is to attend the Chief Justice and others appointed by Law, on the second Monday of February in every year, for the purpose mentioned in the act of Congress of 2<sup>d</sup> April 1792.

He will also take care that all the Copper used for coming from time to time is of good quality, and the Cents of the full weight of seven penny-weights and the half Cents in proportion.

The Chief Coiner for his own Security, may from time to time (when the Assayer is not using the assay Furnaces) make check assays on the Clippings, Filings &c. arising on the Coinage or may keep an assay Furnace himself for that purpose.

He will make Returns to the Director of the weight of all copper Clippings as they arise from time to time.

Until a Melted and Refiner shall be duly appointed by the President, the Chief Coiner is to take charge of, and give Receipts for, all Bullion delivered out of the Treasury and to have the same melted, refined and coined under his Direction by the Melted and Refiner employed for the purpose, and for which he must be accountable — of course all the Workmen employed in the melting and refining must be under his Direction.

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The Chief Coiner will make immediate Delivery to the Treasurer, of all Bullion, Clippings, Filings &c. of the precious Metals in his Custody, as that his duty of Bullion rec<sup>d</sup> may be closed without delay — On a Report to the Director of the Quantity in his Possession, a Warrant will be made out for that purpose.

He will be careful not to coin, or suffer to be coined, any Ingots of Gold or Silver unless it bears the stamps of the Melted & Refiner, and the Assayer — The first bearing the Figure of sixteen Stars — the latter that of a spread Eagle —

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## The Engraver.

It is his Duty to have prepared and to engrave all the Dies necessary for the Mint, as ordered from time to time by the Director, and to provide such a number of each Denomination on hand, as to prevent unnecessary Delays that may be occasioned by breaking &c. He will be allowed a Forge & Hardener of Dies to prepare & temper the same.

He will report to the Director every Monday Morning the Number of Dies with their Denominations, which he shall have delivered to the Hardener of Dies, to be hardened the succeeding Week.

The Hardener of Dies, is to forge all the Dies directed by the Engraver, within the Mint, and not in any other place. He is without Delay to harden or otherwise complete, every Die delivered to him by the Engraver, and to suffer it to be kept by any other person till re-delivered to the Engraver.

He is every Monday Morning to report in Writing to the Director, the Number of Dies forged or hardened and delivered to the Engraver, the preceding Week, with the Denomination.

The Director's Clerk will assist the Engraver when necessary in making out his Returns &c. and the Chief Coiner's Clerk will do the like for the Hardener of Dies.

## General Rules.

The Standard for all gold Coins of the United States is to be eleven Parts fine to one part alloy which alloy is to be composed of one part Silver and nineteen parts Copper — The Standard for all silver Coins of the United States is to be 1485 parts fine to 179 parts alloy which alloy is to be wholly of Copper — In which Standards all the Officers of the Mint are strictly to conform.

The Master and Refiner or Chief Coiner, shall not deliver out to any Workman or Labourer, Ingots, Strips, Clippings or Planchets, or Coin any of the precious Metals or Copper without having the same first weighed and entered in a day Book of Blotter to be kept for that purpose — And when Contraband stock, particular persons are to be specially assigned to the service of counting, weighing and putting them in Boxes or bales and not suffer any other person to interfere or assist therein.

The several principal Officers, will report to the Director from time to time, such Workmen & Labourers, as may be necessary in their Departments, with the Names, Ages, Country, Size and Professions of those who are now, or may hereafter be employed therein. Also, all such Improvements, Machinery, Repairs and Materials as they may think necessary for the Mint and that in time, as to prevent unnecessary Delays in the progress of the work. Each Officer will take special care that none are employed, who can, with propriety, be dispensed with, and that those employed, are kept constantly engaged in the Duties enjoined them.

The time of Work shall be eleven Hours in each Day, but to be changed four times a year, according to the Seasons, as specified under the Article Workmen & Labourers.

All the Workmen to be employed by the Month or Year, except such as are merely for temporary purposes, and then they are to be paid full Wages for such Days only as they are actually employed.

It is to be understood in future that all the Workmen & Labourers find themselves Diet, Drink Laying.

All Work peculiar to the Coinage, is invariably to be done in the Mint by the particular Workmen assigned to that Service, & not elsewhere. Each Officer will be strictly charged with all the Metals received by him, and credited with what is returned. He will be made accountable for all Deficiencies, unavoidable Waste only excepted.

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Printed Forms of Reports, Certificates &c. will be provided for them.

No Purchases of Materials or Tools of any kind, by any person belonging to the Mint are to be made without a written order for that purpose from some principal Officer of the Mint, as no Account will hereafter be paid without such Voucher.

One Week before the Expiration of each quarter, all other Business shall cease, and the Ashes, Litterage and Sods be melted, and the Accounts of the precious Metals be made up and settled, previous to the Receipt of the quarter's Wages.

## Workmen & Labourers.

1. The time of Work and Labour in the Mint, shall be understood by all employed therein, to be eleven Hours in each Day - and shall from the 10<sup>th</sup> of March to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, and from the 10<sup>th</sup> of September to the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, begin at 6 o'clock in the Morning, and continue till 7 o'clock in the Evening, allowing from 8 to 9 o'clock for Breakfast and from 1 till 2 o'clock for Dinner - From the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, till the 10<sup>th</sup> of September begin at 5 o'clock in the Morning and continue till 7 o'clock in the Evening allowing from 8 till 9 o'clock for Breakfast, and from 1 till 3 o'clock for Dinner - From the 10<sup>th</sup> of November till the 10<sup>th</sup> of March begin at 7 o'clock in the Morning and continue till 8 o'clock in the Evening, allowing 2 hours for Breakfast and Dinner.

2. Every Workman & Labourer shall attend in the Morning, after Breakfast, and after Dinner, at the stated Times, at which time the Bell will be rung, and in case any one shall absent himself for fifteen Minutes thereafter, he shall forfeit a sum equal to his Wages for the rest of the Day, but if any one shall repeat such forfeitures more than twice in one Week, he shall be reported to the Director by the Assistant to the Chief Camer, or the Foreman of the Mint, as a person undeserving of Employment.

3. No Workman or Labourer shall upon any pretence absent himself from his Work, or go out of the Mint, without leave first

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first had from his Superior on pain of forfeiting, for the first Offence, one Day's Wages, for the second, two Days Wages, and for the third, all the Wages due to him, and be immediately discharged.

4. If any Workman or Labourer employed by the Year, should choose to leave the Service of the Mint, he shall give at least one Month's Notice thereof to the head of the Department in the Mint, who shall report the same to the Director. If such person leaving the Mint, shall have behaved well, he shall receive the full of his Wages due to him, & a recommendatory Certificate from his proper Officer according to his Merit; but if he shall leave his Employment contrary to this Rule, he shall forfeit one Week's Wages and be discharged without such Certificate.

5. No Workman or Labourer shall on any pretence, without leave first obtained, bring or admit any person whatever into the Mint, who does not belong to it, under the penalty of being immediately discharged, & losing the Wages that may be due to him.

6. Every Workman & Labourer who shall be found drunk in the Mint, shall forfeit as in Article 2.

7. Every Workman & Labourer shall attend closely to the particular Business assigned him, and shall not meddle or concern himself with that of any other, unless directed so to do.

8. No Workman or Labourer shall leave the Mint, or open any of the Doors which lead into the Street or Alley during working Hours without permission first obtained, or being directed so to do, on pain of being stripped of his Pockets searched - if any thing shall be found upon him, taken from the Mint, he shall be immediately prosecuted for the same according to Law.

9. Every Workman & Labourer employed in the Mint shall be paid according to his Agreement, monthly, leaving one Week's Wages in Arrear, as long as he shall continue in the Service, and no final Settlement to be made till he shall be discharged according to the third Article.

10. In order to avoid Suspicion, no Workman or Labourer shall carry about him any of the same Denomination of Coin, at that time striking at the Mint, under the penalty of forfeiting the same, and all the Wages that shall then be due to him, and be immediately discharged.

11. The Prefect who shall have the Keys of the Prefect, shall never leave them without locking them with the Chains, so as to prevent the Doors from being moved, and when the Business of the Day



is finished, shall immediately deliver the Keys to the Chief Coiner, or their superior of the Department as may be directed — If any Workman shall neglect this Order, he shall be immediately discharged and forfeit all his Wages then due.

12. Every Man employed in the Mint, shall be careful to prevent scraps and pieces of Metal from lying about the Mint, and each Man shall keep his working place or bench clean, and Tools in Order — And on every Saturday, there shall be a general cleaning throughout the Mint, by the joint assistance of all Hands — All the Sweepings, Rags, Scrapings &c. &c. shall be carefully deposited in a safe place to be provided for that purpose.

13. The Chief Coiner's Assistant shall make it his Business to read & explain the Articles from time to time to every Man employed, and shall have authority to see them strictly carried into Execution without favour or affection for which he shall be accountable to the Director.

14. If any person employed in the Mint, shall know or be privy to any Workman or Labourer, being guilty of a breach of any of these Rules, or of taking or purloining any of the Metals used in the Mint, or of improperly using the Machinery or Instruments belonging to the same, or other dangerous and improper Conduct, without making the same known to some principal Officer of the Mint, he shall be considered as a partaker in his Crime, & suffer the like penalty with the aggressor himself.

15. In case of necessity when the Workmen & Labourers are obliged to continue at work beyond the working hours, they shall be paid for the time so employed, besides their usual Wages, on a Certificate from the Officer of the Department.

Mint of the United States June 16<sup>th</sup> 1796

The Director orders, that three Dollars & Month for the next three Months, being the warmest part of the Year, be added to the pay of all the Workmen who attend at the Furnaces or other fires in the Mint, as an allowance for the extra Drink necessary during that Season.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the U. States, June 26<sup>th</sup> 1796.

The Director having had frequent complaints that the Coin, both Gold & Silver, lately struck in the Mint have been done in a very slovenly, unworkmanlike Manner, has examined a Number of them, and is very to find that the complaints have not been without Foundation, and that great Negligence & Inattention is chargeable on the Coinage Department, with regard to the late Deliveries of Coin — He therefore expects that in future greater Care will be taken that no Coin is passed thro' the Mint, without being executed in a more perfect Manner, as a Comparison of the former & latter Coin, brought forward to the Officers of the Mint, concerned in the Coinage.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the U. States, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1796

The Director has with great Regret received Information that one of the principal Officers of the Mint has left the public Service without leave, or any Notice given of his intended Absence, whereby the Business of the Mint has been impeded, and all Responsibility destroyed — One of the Horses belonging to the public has also been used on this occasion, contrary to every Principle of Justice — The Director therefore cannot but express his disapprobation of this reprehensible Conduct, and insist that it never be repeated, as he cannot again submit to a Conduct so ruinous to the Discipline necessary to be kept up in the Mint.

Mint of the United States, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1797.

Whereas the Business of the Mint is greatly impeded, and the Expenses unnecessarily increased by the frequent absence of the Workmen without leave, and often on pretence of sickness — In order therefore to prevent these Absences in future, the Director desires that every Workman who shall be absent from his work without leave may be charged with the

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Time he is absent, and the amount deducted out of his pay, let his excuse be what it may — And that this Order may not prove injurious to the industrious & attentive Workman who may be necessarily detained by Sickness, the Director will add one Dollar per Month to each Man's Wages in future.

The Director also orders, that whenever it can be done with Propriety, each Man may have his Day's work specifically assigned to him, which when executed, he may be discharged for the Day, or if necessary to detain him, he shall be paid for it over & above his daily Pay; but when he falls short that it be made good the next Day, or deducted from his Wages.

Signe/ Elias Boudinot, Director

Mint of the United States  
August 28<sup>th</sup> 1797

The Director of the Mint being convinced that a contagious Distemper rages in the City of Philad<sup>a</sup>, and not knowing how soon it may be necessary to shut up the Mint, thinks it prudent to have every Arrangement made for such an Event that all Confusion may be avoided when the same may happen.

He therefore orders

- 1<sup>st</sup> That all Coin ready for Delivery be paid into the Bank of the U.S. & proper Receipts taken therefor by the Treasurer.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That the Treasurer do immediately discharge the Balance due on all the Deposits as far as the Coin on Hand will permit to do.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That all the Accounts of the Mint (except for Salaries) be made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of this Month & paid off.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That all the broken Dies in the Mint be immediately collected together and destroyed by fire in the presence of the C. Coiner and Engraver.
- 5<sup>th</sup> That all the good Dies, with the Originals & Stubs be carefully oiled and put in proper Cases, then in flannel and locked up in the iron Chest, with all Bullion and other valuable Property capable of being put therein and locked with two Locks, one Key to be kept by the C. Coiner the other by the Treasurer & the iron Chest then locked up in the upper Vault.

6<sup>th</sup> That the Copper Planchets be stored in the Coining Room below, without opening any of the Boxes.

7<sup>th</sup> That the Doorkeeper, whom means to remain in the Mint, be allowed any Room he shall choose for his Residence during the Mint being shut up.

8<sup>th</sup> That such of the Workmen who shall return to the Mint when it shall be again opened and shall continue at work upwards of one Month faithfully & diligently shall receive an extra Allowance for Loss of Time during their Absence, as was paid to the Workmen in 1793; but those who do not return and work as aforesaid shall be considered as ~~dismissed~~ discharged from the shutting up of the Mint.

9<sup>th</sup> That the Treasurer do pay out of the Monies to his Credit in the Bank of the U.S. on Account of the U.S. such of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint as shall request it, the Amount of their Wages to the 31<sup>st</sup> Inf<sup>t</sup> to be accounted for by them in the next quarterly Account.

10<sup>th</sup> That on the Officers leaving the City, they respectively furnish the Director with a written Direction of the Place where they respectively retire to.

11<sup>th</sup> That the Chief Coiner do take Charge of the Dies belonging to the Mint, to get them kept in the Country at the most reasonable Rate being careful that they are kept in good Order — That he be permitted to use one of them, on Condition that he keep him well at his own Expence.

12<sup>th</sup> That all the Keys of the Mint, not kept by special Order by one of the Officers, be delivered to the Doorkeeper who will be careful not to suffer any Body, either Workmen or others, on any pretence to come into the Mint at any time, unless it be the C. Coiner, Assistant to the Coiner, or Engraver, without a written Order from the Director, Chief Coiner, or Engraver.

13<sup>th</sup> That all the Machines for coining be carefully deprived of every of the Dies, Stakes, jaws &c and locked, and the Keys delivered to the Director.



Mint of the U.S. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1797.

The Officers & Workmen belonging to the Mint of the U.S., inform the Director that the contagious Fever now prevalent in the City, is increasing — that the Treasurer is now ill with it — that they conceive it very dangerous for them & their Families to continue longer in the City, as at least two thirds of its Inhabitants have left it, most of the public Offices have been removed, and as all the Bullion (except a few Clippings) is worked up & coined, and the Deposits paid off — they respectfully request leave of absence that they may leave the City till the Fever shall abate or till further orders, subject however to the Terms of the provisional arrangement made on the 28<sup>th</sup> Ultimo.

(signed) Henry Voigt, in Behalf  
of the Officers & Workmen.

Mint of the U.S. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1797.

The Officers of the Mint having represented to the Director, that the contagious Fever still prevails & is increasing in the City of Philadelphia — that the Treasurer of the Mint is now confined with it — that all the Bullion deposited in the Mint is worked up & coined, except a few Clippings, and the Deposits paid off — that there is the utmost danger to them & their Families in staying longer in the City exposed to so severe a Disorder — they therefore request to have Permission to leave the City, till the Fever shall abate — The Director concurring their Request to be reasonable — orders that the provisional arrangement of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, be immediately carried into execution — that thereupon the Mint be shut up till further orders, and that the Officers & Workmen (except the Doorkeepers) be discharged from any farther attendance for the present, on just however to the Terms of the provisional arrangement.

(signed) Elias Boudinot, Director.

Nicholas May, Treasurer of the Mint, is hereby authorized to empower to pay each of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint as may request it, the limit of the Salaries due to them for their Services therein to this Day inclusive, taking their Receipts for the same.

Mint of the U.S. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1797.

(signed) Elias Boudinot, Director.

Mint of the U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Decr 1797.

The Director having taken into Consideration the Application of the several Workmen, relative to the portion of Wages they are entitled to, during the time the Mint was shut up, on account of the yellow fever, they having returned and worked one Month since, agreeably to the Terms held out by the Orders of 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> last, and being willing to do the Workmen perfect Justice, and at the same time, not to put the United States to any unreasonable Expence, thinks proper to direct, as what appears to him as just & equitable, that all those Workmen who have returned & worked out their Month, be allowed half of their original Wages during the Suspension of Business.

\* The Director's Order respecting the above subject, which might be appealed to.

Mint of the U.S. 17<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1798.

The Appearance of a malignant Fever in the City, again threatens the Dispersion of the Citizens, and the probable shutting up of the Mint — This must take place whenever the Treasurer shall officially certify to the Director that it is dangerous to the Officers & Workmen to continue the usual Work of the Mint — It will therefore be necessary for the Officers of the Mint to be prepared for so disagreeable an Event, that no Confusion may take place in case of the Necessity of suddenly closing the Business — The following Directions must be particularly attended to —

- 1<sup>st</sup> All the Accounts of Bullion & Expenses must be closed till the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> Inst. so that the Balance due by or from the Mint may be clearly ascertained.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The Workmen must be all paid off on that Day.
- 3<sup>d</sup> If any of the Officers should want any Advances on Acc<sup>t</sup> of their Salaries.

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Salaries, it may be done, provided they do not exceed the portion of the Quarter due to them - Partial Rec<sup>d</sup> may be taken by the Treas<sup>r</sup> on and.  
 11<sup>th</sup> All the gold & silver Bullion in the Mint must be coined as far as possible, and every Deposit paid off, if the coin will admit of it, before the Closing of the Mint.

5<sup>th</sup> Whatever shall remain of gold or silver Coin, Bullion, Clippings or Grains, must be returned on Warrant to the Treasurer who will take such Measures for its Security as he may think expedient.

6<sup>th</sup> The Officers of the different Departments will take Measures to secure all the Works in every part of the Mint, together with the Tools, Implements & Machinery belonging to their respective Departments, so that they may not be injured or even visited by any Person whatever during their Absence without Leave - The C. Coiner will also see that all the Presses, except one for striking Cents are secured, and the Mechanism put away in a separate place.

7<sup>th</sup> The C. Coiner, with the Engraver will particularly attend to the positive Destruction of all the spoiled Dies, so that no possible Use may be made of them for Counterfeit in Case they should be stolen, not so much as for a Pattern.

8<sup>th</sup> All the good Dies, except those mentioned below, must be boxed up and sent to the Bank of the U. States, an official List being first taken of them and left with the Director's Clerk.

9<sup>th</sup> The C. Coiner will permit the Doorkeeper, Mr Baum, and John Heiser, with one Mechanic to remain in the House during his Absence, and coin up all the Planchets for Cents now in his Possession - They must of course be furnished with a sufficient quantity of Dies for the purpose, to be left in the Care of Mr Baum - As fast as they fill a box, it is to be sent to the Bank of the U. States, and a Rec<sup>d</sup> taken for it - or in Case that can't be done, they may be lock'd up in the Coiner's Vault.

10<sup>th</sup> If practicable with Safety, the C. Coiner or his Clerk will now & then visit the Mint, to see that all remains as left & that the Coins are regularly struck.

11<sup>th</sup> Mr Sharpe will draw up a short Article in Writing for such Workmen as choose to sign, purporting that they engage to return to their different Employments, when the Mint shall again be opened, in Consideration whereof they shall respectively receive

within a Month's original Pay extraordinary in four Weeks after their Return, let the Mint be shut up longer or shorter - all who refuse to sign will be of course discharged.

12<sup>th</sup> Those who continue in the Mint, will receive full Wages while they are kept at work.

13<sup>th</sup> The Horses will be put out to Pasture under the Care of Mr Eckfeldt except one, to be taken by the C. Coiner, who engages to keep him in the best Order at his own Expense.

14<sup>th</sup> All the Books & files of Papers must be carefully locked up & carried to the Bank of the United States.

15<sup>th</sup> The different Keys of the Mint, not necessary to be left in the House had best be also lodged in the Bank in a Box.

16<sup>th</sup> The Doorkeeper will be careful to suffer no Visitors of any Description to enter the Mint during the Absence of the Officers, without very urgent Necessity - He will also carefully patrol the Works every half Hour during the Night.

17<sup>th</sup> The above Directions are not to interfere with the respective Officers absolutely discharging every Workman they can do without in Case of the Mint again opening.

Mint of the U. S. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1798

The Director having rec<sup>d</sup> an official Certificate from the Treasurer of the Mint, Doct. Rush, that it is no longer safe for the Officers and Workmen of the Mint to remain at their usual Occupations in the City, the Director thinks proper to order the several Officers of the Mint without Delay to close their respective Departments, and shut up the Mint, untill further Orders - first seeing that the Directions issued on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> be fully and strictly complied with, and under the Terms mentioned therein.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Direct<sup>r</sup>



Mint of the U.S. 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1799

The Director having been officially informed by the Treasurer of the Mint that a malignant Fever is in the City, and "spreads in all parts of the Town with a Rapidity not known in former years - that the Officers of the Mint are alarmed with Reason" He therefore thinks it absolutely necessary that every preparation should be made in order to prevent unnecessary Confusion, in case a sudden closing of the Business of the Mint should become necessary.

The following Directions are therefore to be strictly attended to by the different Officers of the Mint to whose Department each may belong.

1<sup>st</sup> All the Acc<sup>t</sup> of Bullion & Expenses must be immediately brought up, & closed till the 31<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> so that the Balances due by, or to the Mint may be clearly ascertained.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Workmen will all be paid off on that day.

3<sup>rd</sup> If any of the Officers should want any Advance on Acc<sup>t</sup> of their Salaries it may be made, provided it does not exceed the portion of the 2<sup>d</sup> due to them - Partial Receipts may be taken by the Treas<sup>r</sup> on Acc<sup>t</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup> All the gold & silver Bullion already fused by the Treas<sup>r</sup> must be coined up, as near as may be & every Deposit paid off before the closing of the Mint.

5<sup>th</sup> The Treas<sup>r</sup> will take care that all the gold & silver Bullion in the Mint, be secured in such manner as he may think best, so that there may be no danger of loss from leaving the Mint shut up without a Guard.

6<sup>th</sup> For this purpose the different Officers will make returns to the Director's Clerk, of all Bullion, Clippings, Grains & Coin in their hands when the Coining ceases, that Warrants in favour of the Treas<sup>r</sup> may be made out for the same.

7<sup>th</sup> The Officers of the different Departments will take Measures to secure all the Machinery & other Works & property in every part of the Mint, so that they may not be injured, or examined by any person whatever except by the Officer of the Department during their Absence, without Leave from the Director - The C. Coiner will take special care that all the Presses are taken to Pieces and secured, the essential Parts to be removed as hereafter mentioned from the Mint.

8<sup>th</sup> The Assistant to the C. Coiner will specially attend to the actual & total Destruction of all the spoiled Dies, so that no possible Use may be made of them in coining, in case they should get into improper Hands, not even as a Pattern.

9<sup>th</sup> The Director's Clerk will attend to the putting up all the good Dies with the Aid of the Assistant Coiner in such Manner that they may receive no Injury, & have them carefully locked up in a Box and taken to the Bank of the U.S. - He must take a correct List of them, with their Denomination & Characters, and send a copy to the Director - together with a List of all the property sent to Bank.

10<sup>th</sup> All the reserved Pieces, and any other special property in a small compass, may be locked up in the Chest with the Dies to be sent to the Bank, together with the Books of Acc<sup>t</sup> & valuable Files of Papers belonging to the Mint.

11<sup>th</sup> The Clerk to the C. Coiner will draw up a short Article in writing for such Workmen as choose to sign, therein obliging themselves under the penalty of \$20 to return to their respective Employments in the Mint under the present Terms, when the Mint shall again be opened - in consideration whereof such Signers shall be entitled to receive respectively a Month's original Wages extraordinary (exclusive of what has been allowed for Drink & Sickness) at the end of 4 Weeks from the Commencement of their Work, let the Mint be shut up for a longer or shorter Time succeeding the Month - All who refuse to sign the Engagement will of Course be considered as discharged.

12<sup>th</sup> The Horses are committed to the care of the Assistant Coiner to be kept at Pasture.

13<sup>th</sup> The Officers of each Department will attend to the Security of their different Rooms & Compliments under their Direction & the different Keys of the Mint not necessary to be left with any of the Officers, had best be put into the Chest & lodged in the Bank.

14<sup>th</sup> The C. Coiner will continue the last in the Mint, & personally see that all the Avenues to the Mint are carefully fastened, the Doors locked or otherwise secured - that all the Vaults are secured in the best manner, & that he personally takes Charge of the Key of the front Door, & never suffer it to go out of his Possession without a special Order for that Purpose.

15<sup>th</sup> Each Officer will send to the Director a Note in Writing of the Place to which they respectively remove.



16<sup>th</sup> Nothing in the above Directions is to be considered as preventing each Officer from discharging such of the Workmen in their respective Departments as they may think not essential to the Commencement of the Business when the Mint shall be again opened.

17<sup>th</sup> The Boxes lodged in the Bank will be attended to by the Treasurer & left with a written Direction, not to be delivered to any Person without an order in writing from the Director or Treasr. The Treasr. will also return to the Director, a correct List of all the Bullion, Clippings, Grains & Coin left in the Bank for safekeeping.

18<sup>th</sup> The Director's Clerk will serve each of the Officers with a Copy of these Orders without Delay.

Mint of the U.S. 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1799

Sir, The prevailing Fever having made such Progress in the City as justly to alarm the Workmen of the Mint, one of them being taken very ill with it, obliges us to urge the propriety of closing the Mint during the prevalence of it. We are convinced that the Officers & Workmen are running the Risk of their Lives, and very much doubt the Possibility of keeping them much longer together. They are the more alarmed from the loss we met with last Year.

We are Sir, &c.

(signed by) The Officers of the Mint

The Director of the Mint.

Mint of the U.S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1799

The Officers of the Mint having officially informed the Director, that from the prevalence of a dangerous Fever in the City, the Lives of the Officers & Workmen are greatly exposed, & it has become difficult to keep the Workmen together, & therefore urge the propriety of closing the Mint for the present, especially as one of the Workmen is now very ill of the Fever.

The Director therefore orders, that the respective Officers immediately proceed to execute the previous Order issued on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. & that the Mint if possible may close on this day; being careful to pay off all the Deposits as far as there is Coin in the Mint to do so, taking, taking partial Receipts where the whole cannot be paid. And that as soon as those Orders are complied with, the Mint be closed & secured according to those Directions.

(signed) Elias Boudinot, Director

Rosehill, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1799.

The Director of the Mint of the U.S. being assured of the returning Health of the City, orders that the Mint be opened & the usual Operations began on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov. next, and that on that day the Treasurer receive the Property belonging to the Institution to be returned to the Vaults of the Mint from the Bank of the U.S. — That he do carefully examine the Boxes, to see that they are returned precisely as they were deposited, that in case there should be any Deficiency, it may be immediately reported to the Director. That the Property & Materials belonging to each Department be returned to the principal Officer thereof in the usual manner. That all Expenses for keeping the Horses and any other incidental Charges be reported, that Warrants may be made out for Payment. That Mr. Thomas & Mr. Hough do send Copies of these Orders to the different Officers as soon as possible.

(signed) Elias Boudinot, Director



\* Should have  
appeared in  
p. 27. ~

Mint of the U.S. July 19<sup>th</sup> 1798.

The Director was very sorry to find from the Testimony given on the Trial of Oliver Hale, that the Officers in the coming Department had frequent Information of the improper Conduct of O. Hale in declaring to his fellow Workmen, that he had been in the Habit of passing counterfeit Guilders in Holland during the last War. Also, that from a number of Circumstances known to the Officers, there was just Cause of Suspicion as to the O. Hale's Honesty, yet no Report was even made to the Director of a Doubt being entertained relating to him. To prevent the dangerous Practice carried on by the O. Hale in future, the Director orders, that whenever Suspicion arises with regard to the Conduct of any of the Workmen hereafter, Report be immediately made to the Director, that proper Measures may be taken to avoid the Evil arising from having dishonest Men in the Mint. And as every Workman in the Mint however honest, is really injured in some Measure, by having a fellow Workman of dishonest Principles, the Director hopes for their own honor, as well as for the public Interest, they will without Hesitation communicate to some Officer of the Mint, any well founded Suspicion that may from Time to Time arise with regard to any particular Workman, being assured that the most prudent Conduct will be observed, so that no Injury shall arise to any one who may behave himself uprightly.

The C. Printer's Clerk will copy the Laws relating to Offenders in the Mint, & keep it posted up where it may be read by all the Workmen, that the Danger arising from dishonest Practices may be known to all.

Mint of the U.S. Feb<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1800.

The Director having appointed George Emmons Book keeper and Treasurer's Clerk in the Mint of the United States, the Treasurer will on receiving this Notice attend at the Mint & give him such Directions (not inconsistent with the Rules of the Mint) as he may think proper with regard to his Department.

Elias Boudinot, Director

Mint of the United States  
June 22<sup>d</sup> 1801

Some difficulties having arisen with the Banks on a difference that exists between their weights and those of the Mint, the Director orders, that the Assayer take measures, as soon as convenient, to meet the Cashiers of the several Banks in this City and endeavor to regulate the different weights used in the several Institutions, so that they agree with each other according to strict justice.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the U.S. June 30<sup>th</sup> 1801.

The Director having waited now several weeks in hopes of a fresh supply of bullion, but being disappointed and no prospect of success for some time to come, orders the several Officers of the Mint to meet together and agree upon the discharge of every hand that can be spared, giving them one week's notice to engage themselves elsewhere.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States July 2<sup>d</sup> 1801.

The Officers of the Mint are directed to shut up the Mint on the 4<sup>th</sup> July instant, that the workmen may have an opportunity of keeping that day.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Copper Cappings sold by the  
Assayer



Mint of the United States  
17<sup>th</sup> November 1802.

The Treasurer of the Mint is directed to purchase Bills of Exchange on London or Liverpool payable in sixty days after sight, of good drawers with a responsible Indorser, to the amount of Ten thousand Dollars, and remit them to Matthew Boulton Esq<sup>r</sup> Soho Birmingham by the first opportunity, to be credited by him to the Mint of the United States. The amount is provided by the Treasury of the United States.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the U.S. 17<sup>th</sup> Novr  
1802.

The Chief Coiner is directed to coin up all the Silver in the Mint (not yet cut out) into small Coins not more than ten Cents each, it being immediately wanted by the Banks in this City and all the Gold into half Eagles.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
19<sup>th</sup> February 1802.

The Chief Coiner is directed to coin up all the Gold in the Mint in half Eagles, it being wanted by the Banks in this City.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 1802.

The Director orders the Mint to be shut up on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> July, that the Officers and Workmen may keep the day with their Fellow Citizens.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 1802.

It having been reported to the Director, that a certain Nathaniel Thomas, formerly a Clerk in the Mint, lately came into the Clerk's Room in this Mint, on the absence of the Book-keeper, and finding the Book-case open, went to it and clandestinely took out a number of Papers, belonging to the Treasurer's Department, the contents of which are unknown, and the immediately charged therewith, denied it, and when attempted to be searched, violently broke away and ran off. That the next day he returned and delivered up certain Papers belonging to the Treasurer's Department, alleging that they were all he had taken, and which he wanted destroyed by burning. The Director therefore orders, that the Treasurer do take immediate measures for the Examination of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cloud, Eckfeldt, Ehrenzeller and Scott of the Mint, in order to establish these facts, according to their knowledge - and that he wait on Mr. Dallas the Attorney for the United States in this District, with the said Witnesses, who will draw the Examinations.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
12<sup>th</sup> November 1802.

Mr Dallas having informed the Director that the Treasurer had not called on him or taken any steps for the Examination of the Officers of the Mint agreeable to an order for that purpose issued on the ninth day of this Instant, the Director leaves the Treasurer to answer for his neglect of duty, and positively directs, Mr Cloud, Mr Eckfeldt, Mr Scott and Mr Ehrenzeller to call on Mr Dallas to morrow morning at Ten o'clock, at his Office in Market Street, who will draw up their Examination.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
4<sup>th</sup> December 1802.

The Director having this day, in examining into the Copper Accounts of the Mint, discovered that the Treasurer received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1798 the Sum of Three thousand Dollars for Copper Clippings sold by the

Order to  
Mr. Cloud,  
Scott,  
Eckfeldt,  
Ehrenzeller.

The  
Treasurer of the  
Mint



Assistant to the Chief Coiner, which Sum does not appear to have been paid into Bank till the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1799. and that Credit was not given to the United States in the Books of the Mint for that Sum till 30 March 1799. The Director therefore requires the Treasurer to report to him without delay on the above Fact and to account for the irregularity of the above Entries and the neglect of Credit to the United States.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
10<sup>th</sup> December 1802.

The  
Treasurer of  
the  
Mint.

The Director having seen the Treasurer's Report relative to the 3000 Dollars mentioned the Director's order of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant and having examined Mr. Eckfeldt's Bank book, thinks the mistake as to 1700 Dollars part of said 3000 Dollars to be probable, but it appears by the same Book, that the other part of said Sum was paid as follows:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 1798 May 18 | \$ 100. |
| June 1      | 150     |
| Decr. 21    | 600     |
| 1799 May 11 | 110     |
| June 28     | 156. 66 |
| Novr. 29    | 180     |

Dollars 1296. 66.

And it appears also that Mr. Eckfeldt had various Receipts which were given up and one Receipt taken for the whole, yet the Sum of 3000 Dollars appears to have been paid into the Bank on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1799. To render the Books intelligible and the Receipts and Credits to agree, this difficulty must be accounted for by the Treasurer.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

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Mint of the United States  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 1802.

The Director has received and examined the letter enclosed by the Treasurer, and is of opinion, that it will by no means satisfy the Officers of the Treasury, but if the Treasurer chooses to rest his responsibility on that answer, the Director can have no objection to it, and will forward it to the Treasury as the only reply that the Treasurer can give to the difficulties occurring to the Director, particularly as Mr. Eckfeldt assures him, that the Checks he gave were generally received for Copper Clippings sold on Account of the Mint.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 16<sup>th</sup> September 1803

The appearance of a malignant Fever in the City again threatens the dispersion of the Citizens and the probable shutting up of the Mint. This must take place whenever the Officers of the Mint shall officially certify to the Director, that it is dangerous to the Officers and Workmen to continue the usual work of the Mint. It will therefore be necessary for the Officers to be prepared for so disagreeable an event that no confusion may take place in case of the necessity of suddenly closing the business.

The following directions must be particularly attended to:

- I. All the accounts of Bullion and Expenses must be closed till the day of shutting the Mint, so that the Balance due by or from the Mint may be clearly ascertained.
- II. The Workmen must be all paid off on that day.
- III. If any of the Officers should want any advances on account of their salaries it may be done, provided they do not exceed the portion of the Quarter due to them. Partial Receipts may be taken by the Treasurer in advance.
- IV. All the Gold and Silver Bullion in the Mint must be coined as far as possible, and every deposit paid off, if the Government admits of it before the closing of the Mint.
- V. Whatever shall remain of Gold or Silver Coins, Bullion Clippings or Grains, must be returned on warrant to the Treasurer who will take such measures for its security as he may think expedient.



- VI. The Officers of the different Departments will take measures to secure all the Works in every part of the Mint, together with the Tools, Implements and Machinery belonging to their respective departments, so that they may not be injured or even visited by any persons whatever, during their absence, without leave. — The Chief-Coiner will also see, that all the Presses are secured and the Mechanisms put away in a separate place.
- VII. The Chief-Coiner, with the Engraver will particularly attend to the positive destruction of all the spoiled Dies, so that no possible use may be made of them for forgery, in case they should be stolen, not so much as for a Pattern.
- VIII. All the good Dies must be boxed up and sent to the Bank of the United States, an official list being first taken of them and left with the Director's Clerk.
- IX. If practicable with safety the Chief-Coiner or his Clerk will now and then visit the Mint, to see, that all remains as left.
- X. Mr. Sharpe will draw up a short article in writing for such Workmen as choose to sign, purporting, that they engage to return to their different employments, when the Mint shall again be opened, in consideration whereof they shall respectively receive half of their original pay, while the Mint is shut up, extraordinary, in four weeks after their return, let the Mint be shut up longer or shorter. — All who have assented to sign will be of course discharged.
- XI. The Horses will be put out to pasture under the care of Mr. Eckstut.
- XII. All the Books and Folds of Papers must be carefully locked up in a box or Chest, and carried to the Bank of the United States, being first sealed with the Seal of the Mint.
- XIII. The different Keys of the Mint had best be also lodged in the Bank in a box carefully secured and sealed.
- XIV. The Doorkeeper, in case he will stay, will be careful to suffer no visitor of any description to enter the Mint during the absence of the Officers without very urgent necessity. — He will also carefully prohibit the Workmen every half hour during the night.
- XV. The above directions are not to interfere with the respective Officers actually discharging every Workman they can do without in case of the Mint again opening.

XII.

If the Doorkeeper should be obliged to leave the Mint, the old Watchman must be engaged to attend to the Mint as formerly, for which he shall receive the same sum he received in 1798.

Mint of the United States  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1802

To the Directors of the Mint.

The Subscriber Officers & Clerks of the Mint do respectfully certify to the Director, that the fever still continues in the City, the very particularly that they have finished all the Bullion of Silver and Gold deposited in the Mint, except a few clippings. — That from the stagnation of business in the City, no further deposits of Bullion can soon be reasonably expected. — That having nothing to do, there is no reason, that they should unnecessarily be exposed to suffer without any visible advantage to the public. They therefore solicit the shutting up of the Mint for a short time, till they can know and be satisfied as to the extent of the fever in the City. All which however is respectfully submitted to the Director, by

The Officers & Clerks of the Mint.

Archill 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1802.

To the Officers of the Mint

The Officers of the Mint having signed the Certificate mentioned in the beginning of the above order, let the Mint be shut up and the men discharged for the present, till called for again. — It is presumed, that the above Directions have been strictly complied with

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Archill October 26 1802.

The Director of the Mint being well informed that the malignant fever has now safely decreased, as to permit the assembling the Officers and Workmen of the Mint without danger, orders that the Mint be again opened on Tuesday the first day of November, when the Officers and Workmen will resume to their usual business — and that the Doorkeeper be furnished with a copy of this order to be notified to them without delay.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



The Treas.  
of the Mint

Mint of the United States  
15<sup>th</sup> November 1823

The Treasurer is hereby directed to purchase and remit to Matthew Boulton by the first good opportunity Ten thousand Dollars in good Bills of Exchange payable at 60 days sight, with a substantial Indorser, on account of Copper-planchette purchased and received into the Mint from said Matthew Boulton. The said Bills to be indorsed to the order of s<sup>d</sup> Matthew Boulton.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> April 1824.

The Treasurer  
of the Mint

The Treasurer is hereby directed to purchase & remit to Matthew Boulton by the first good opportunity, Two thousand Nine hundred and Sixty seven Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Seven Pence Sterl<sup>g</sup> in good Bills of Exchange payable at 60 days sight with a substantial Indorser, on account of Copper-planchette purchased and received in the Mint from said Matthew Boulton. The said Bills to be indorsed to the order of said Matthew Boulton.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Treasurer  
of the Mint

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> November 1824

The Treasurer of the Mint is hereby directed to purchase & remit to Matthew Boulton by the first good opportunity Three thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Sterl<sup>g</sup> in good Bills of Exchange payable at 60 days sight with a substantial Indorser, on account of Copper-planchette purchased and received in the Mint from said Matthew Boulton. The said Bills to be indorsed to the order of said Matthew Boulton.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> December 1824

The Director having seen with distress, the careless manner in which strangers are admitted into the Mint, notwithstanding his repeated orders to the contrary, delivered in person to the Officers; he now particularly orders the Chief Coiner & Miller & Refiner, to see that in future none of the Hands be allowed to introduce any stranger in the Mint and the Doorkeeper is expressly ordered not to admit any person to come into the working room, without an Officer attending him.

When any person comes to speak with any person in the Mint, let him be taken into the Directors room, where he may see the person he wants. The Director thinks this measure essential to the safety of the Mint, that he will seriously take notice of any person breaking the orders.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> December 1824.

The Director having found part of a Segar, that had been used, lying in a very improper manner on one of the counters of the Mint, does expressly order, that no person in the Mint be permitted to use a Segar, and that the Officers of the Mint, on discovery of such practice by any of the Workmen, do immediately discharge them. — Let a copy of this be put up at two or three public places in the Mint.

(signed) Elias Boudinot  
D. M.



Treasurer, whose Receipts thereon will be the only Vouchers accepted in Discharge of the Melters & Refiners &c  
 He will endeavour to keep the melting Apartment as separate from & independant of the other Apartments as possible, so that no person but his own Assistants may be admitted without leave, or an officer of the Mint attending — He must make report to the Director in writing, at the End of every Quarter of the precise Quantity of gold & silver Bullion & Grains on hand, that his Bullion Acc<sup>t</sup> may be settled — To this End he will take time near the Expiration of every Quarter to clean up & refine all the Grains Litharge &c He will be careful to keep a day Book, wherein regular Entries of all Receipts & Delivery of Bullion must be entered from time to time as they shall happen. All Purchases of Materials for his Department will be made by Order of the Director, for which purpose Deposits from time to time, must be made of what will be required, that purchases may be made by Contract in the cheapest Manner, unless in small Matters that require an immediate supply, and then he will not get anything on Credit without an Order in writing signed by him, but in general it will be best to pay Cash for all necessary Supplies &c

Wm. D. M. (signed)  
 Treasurer

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 With sentiments of the most perfect respect,  
 (see page 104)  
 Truly first and foremost, obediently to the following directions  
 and to take of the Mint for the Quarter ending the  
 1st day of May the amount of the Balance due to the Mint  
 of the Mint for two thousand five hundred and eighty  
 The Mint to give a warrant in favor of the Mint  
 of the Mint for two thousand five hundred and eighty  
 of the Mint for two thousand five hundred and eighty

18th Decemr 1791  
 J. D.  
 Secretary



Secretary  
of State.

The Director of the Mint in Obedience to the President's Commands, makes the following Report relative to the Mint of the United States, hoping the short Time of one Month, which he has had to make himself acquainted with the present State of all will apologize for any Inaccuracies that appear there.

On entering on this Service, the Director found that the execution of the several Officers, had been engaged to complete as many Coins of the precious Metals, as Circumstances would permit, by which the State's Accounts, relative to Deposits, had been delayed. It became a prudent Measure, on the part of the new Director, and one absolutely necessary to the future conducting the Department with propriety, to insist on an immediate Close of all Accounts relative to the precious Metals, from the first Establishment of the Mint. — The many Difficulties attending the Process, put a stop to any further Coinage, excepting as to what was then in Hand. — The Accounts of those Metals, are now nearly brought up, and in a few Days will be finished.

Every previous step was preparing for a vigorous & systematic Renewal of the Coinage, when the sudden & unexpected Death of the Assayer Mr. Albion Cox, on Friday last by an apoplectic Fit, deprived the Mint of an intelligent Officer, essentially necessary, to the future Progress in the Coinage of the precious Metals. Until this Officer is replaced, the Business at the Mint must be confined to striking Cents only.

The Director has endeavored to avail himself of the temporary Cessation of full Business, to prepare a system of Rules for conducting the Mint in future in all its branches, which shall be reported to the President in a few Days, and which will be hereafter carried into execution, if it should meet with the President's Approbation: Future Experience will improve it, by such Additions and Alterations, as practice will discover to be necessary.

The Issues of the Mint from its first Establishment to this



Day, as collected from the Register kept for that purpose, consist of

| Eagles | Half Eagles | Dollars | Half Dollars | Quarter Dollars | Cents     | Half Cents | Stated Dollars |
|--------|-------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| 2795   | 2707        | 204,791 | 323,144      | 86,416          | 1,066,033 | 142,334    | 153,541        |

The Observations which have made the deepest Impression on the Director during his short Administration, have arisen from the apparent Deficiencies in the Laws respecting the Mint, and the Duties consequent on the coinage of the precious Metals being fully established.

There are not, to the knowledge of the Director, any protecting Laws yet enacted, securing the coinage by proper penalties, against those (other than persons concerned in the Mint) who may counterfeit, debase, clip or otherwise lessen the value thereof with intent to defraud.

The interference of Individuals, with unnecessary branches of the executive Government, as that of issuing Money, by setting up coining Presses, for imitating foreign coin, should be prevented by Law, if either the national honour, or the success of the Mint, are to be objects of public attention: The one is injured, in foreign coin being imposed upon, by an imitation of foreign coins of reduced Weight, and perhaps wanting in standard purity: The other may be deprived of all the Bullion thus wrought up, at these irregular Presses.

The stealing of the Dies, Moulds, milling Stamps, Tools, Presses or other Instruments used in the coinage, as well as the taking, receiving, adulterating or secreting the Metals kept in, or belonging to, the Mint, call for special provision from the Legislature of the United States. The Director is very sensible, that these Observations are justified by facts, that have already happened at the Mint. The Laws of the several States, are not particularly adapted to these objects, so as to guard against these Evils, a Mint having never been taken into their contemplation.

This opportunity ought not to be lost, of urging the propriety of prohibitory Laws against any person concerned in the Mint, either as an Officer or Workman, being engaged directly or indirectly in buying or selling of Bullion, Gold or Silver, or a Mixture of either with other Metals, on his or their private account. The checks provided for security against Impression, will be in vain, if the property of the precious Metals assayed & coined at the Mint, may be

be vested in the persons who have the charge thereof in the Mint. The same reasoning will equally show the impropriety of any Officer or Workman, engaged in the Mint, being allowed by himself or in company with others, to be concerned directly or indirectly, in Works of a similar Nature on their private account, or in any such Works wherein Metals are melted, refined, rolled or otherwise prepared, so as to be fit for Coining. To remedy some of these Evils, it would be a Measure, highly advantageous to the United States, and very beneficial to Depositors, if some proper person was authorized to purchase on public Account, all small quantities of Silver & Gold brought to the Mint, at the best market prices, to be coined for the public Treasury.

It has been the Opinion of the former Officers of the Mint, that the legal standard for Silver should be reconsidered, and the Director on coming into Office found, that for some special Reasons the Standard of the coins hitherto completed, varied in a small Degree, from that established by Law. Whatever force these Reasons may have with the Legislature, the Director did not think himself justifiable in permitting so important a Measure to be continued, without legislative sanction. He has therefore issued Orders, that in future, the precise Terms of the Act of Congress in this respect, should be observed; but as the coinage is at present in a State of Suspence, it may be a proper time to review the Alloy directed by Law, as the Alteration, if found necessary could now be adopted without Injury to any one.

The Act of Congress directs that the Alloy of Gold, shall be of Silver & Copper, not exceeding half Silver. The practice at the Mint has been to form the Alloy of Copper, with the smallest portion of Silver so as barely to comply with the Words of the Law. The Silver contained in the Alloy is an entire Loss to every body, without answering the least valuable purpose. It is said not to mix so intimately with Gold, as Copper does, neither will it equally add to the hardness of the Coin, at the same time it is an heavy increase of the annual Expenses of the Mint. The regulation of Silver in the Alloy of Gold, it is said, may be repealed with great propriety.

As to the Duties consequent on the establishment of the coinage, the Act of Congress of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 1793 Sec. 2<sup>d</sup> requires that the President shall by Proclamation make known the time when the gold and silver Coinage commenced at the Mint of the United States; three years after which time, all foreign Gold & Silver Coins except



Spanish milled Dollars, shall cease to be a legal tender.  
 The Commencement of this coinage took place about the fifteenth day of October 1794, and it is respectfully referred to the President, of such Proclamations might not to be made agreeably to the requisitions of the Act.  
 The gold coinage began 31 July 1795.

By the Act of Congress of the 3 March 1795 the President is authorized, when ever he shall think it for the Benefit of the United States, to reduce the weight of the copper coin, provided such reduction shall not in the whole, exceed two pennyweight in each Cent, and in the like proportion on a half Cent, of which he shall give Notice by Proclamation and communicate the same to the then next Session of Congress. The average price of Copper has so increased of late, that it deserves the Attention of the President, whether the discretionary power given him by this Act, ought not immediately to be exercised, by reducing the Weight of the Cent to seven pennyweight Troy, from the present standard of eight pennyweight sixteen grains.

The following Estimate of the Cost & produce of 400 lb of Copper will enable the President to judge of the propriety of the Measure.  
 The average price of Copper in sheets, in the Market of London, is about 15<sup>th</sup> St. lb. p<sup>th</sup> which with the Expence of freight, insurance &c &c can be estimated at less than 2<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> Currency, when reduced at the Mint.

400 lb of Copper @ 2<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> is equal to 146 - 66  
 400 lb of Copper at 293 into the pound of sheet Copper will produce 388 lb weight of Cents, which at 7 dwt 16 grs the present Standard are equal to 101 - 42  
 100 lb of Clippings @ 1<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> is 13 - 33 114 - 75  
 Left to the U.S. besides Coinage equal to 22 p<sup>th</sup> 31 - 91  
 146 - 66

again

400 lb of Copper as above, cost 125 - 57  
 388 lb of Cents at 7 dwt each will produce 125 - 57  
 12557 Cents equal to 13 - 33 138 - 90  
 100 lb of Clippings @ 1<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> 7 - 76  
 Left to the U.S. besides Coinage equal to 57 p<sup>th</sup> 7 - 76  
 From this State of the comparative Value of Copper & Cents, it will appear, 1. that if the Cents is continued at 7 dwt & 16 gr. they will be melted up, or otherwise improperly used, as fast as they are coined;

the Director has been informed that 10 p<sup>th</sup> has been given for them in quantities.  
 2<sup>th</sup> That the important purpose of preventing Counterfeits, by their being kept at a Weight equal to their full Value, will be answered by reducing them to 7 dwt, and a great saving in Copper be made to the United States.  
 3<sup>th</sup> Their Use will be promoted, as it is now a general complaint that they are too hitherto some.

This Report ought not to be closed, without repeating, that the success of the Mint, greatly depends on the speedy Appointment of an Assayer, and a Moulder & Refiner, both of whom should be Men of Experience and the best professional Abilities.

These appear to the Director, to be the principal points relative to the Mint, demanding the President's immediate Attention. As to the practice in detail, what ever has been found by Experience to need Check or Alterations, and has come to the Director's Knowledge, and which he could remedy, without troubling the President, he has endeavored to incorporate into the System of Rules, herein before referred to. All which are respectfully submitted.

Mint of the United States  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1795.  
 (Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Secretary of State.

The Director of the Mint having purchased a quantity of Copper at 2<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> since his Report to the President, begs leave to offer an additional Statement of the expence of coining Cents at that price for the Copper, and also at the average rate that he supposes it may be imported at, in case a general Peace should take place, which he thinks would not exceed 2<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup>.

400 lb Copper @ 2<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> 124 - 17  
 400 lb would make 12,557 Cents @ 7 dwt each 125 - 57  
 100 lb Clippings @ 1<sup>th</sup> p<sup>th</sup> 13 - 33 138 - 90  
 The expence of coinage, would 14 - 73  
 (including everything) at the lowest, am<sup>t</sup> to 6 p<sup>th</sup> 20 -  
 Left to the U.S. 5 - 27

But



But suppose a State of Peace

|                                      |        |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 400 lb of Copper @ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ | 1000   | 67     |
| 12,537 Cents at 7 dms each           | 125.37 |        |
| 100 lb Clippings @ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ | 13.33  | 138.90 |
|                                      |        | 32.23  |
| Expense of barge as above            | 20.00  |        |
| Profit to the U States               | 12.23  |        |

Mint of the United States.  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1795

in a time of peace unless the rise  
of Exchange should increase the  
eventual Expense

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the United States 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1795.

Secretary  
of State.

Sir  
Immediately on receipt of yours of Yesterday, I made  
every Inquiry, the Nature of your Questions required, was to give answers  
to them, that might satisfy the President fully as to the Facts.

The following is the Consequence of that Inquiry

1<sup>st</sup> Looking forward to an approaching Peace between  
the European Powers, when Commerce may return  
to its usual Channels, and Manufacturers acquire  
steady Prices, at what price may we reasonably  
calculate the price of Copper in Sheets adapted in  
thickness to the Use of the Mint?

Answer — If the present War in Europe had occasioned the rise of the  
Price of Copper, a Reduction of that Price might be looked for as a cer-  
tain Event; but it is a remarkable Fact, that the War has not had  
any Effect to raise the price of Labour in Europe, but rather has reduced  
it — And it is well known that the sudden failure of the Anglosax  
Miners, the best in Europe, was the cause of the raising the price of  
Copper, and from what has already happened, it is most likely, that  
the deeper they fallow the vein, the less production & the more expen-  
sive it will be — I therefore conclude that the following State-  
ment:

Statement of the price of the Shillings, will remain the Peace Price, especially  
if the Market that will of course be opened through France, for so necessary a  
commodity, on base of a general Peace is taken into consideration

I have had an Offer, as reducing the Matter to its very lowest state  
on Condition of a continued Contract wholly to supply the Mint, with all it  
shall want, to import the sheet Copper of the proper Thickness, at the very lowest  
est cash Price in England, put on board the Ship, free of Expense, except Duties, &  
age  
Boats, at five P<sup>ts</sup> & on the Stealing Cost, beside Freight and  
Insurance — That at the present prices in England, & at the present Exchange,  
this would amount to about two Shillings — If, nevertheless, it should be suppo-  
sed that a fall in price may be contemplated, it will be more than balanced  
by the probable rise in Exchange

2<sup>nd</sup> What Number of Cents may be obtained from  
any given Quantity of Copper?

Answer — This depends on the weight — If of 7<sup>th</sup> to Troy, one Ton, 2000 lbs  
of Sheet Copper, will produce about 67,600 Cents, equal to 676 Dollars — It must be  
remembered that a Pound weight recidupus contains but 293 dms Troy —  
If of 7 dms — then a Ton of Copper will produce about 23,700 Cents equal to 237 dms 67.

3<sup>rd</sup> What will be the Value to the Mint, of the  
Clippings? & will the Clippings sell for a higher  
price & for what price?

Answer — The Clippings from the Experiments made with the present force, of  
the Mint, which is equal but to four Horses, will take one Shilling taking  
them into sheet Copper — The Expense of melting & casting into Ingots  
also an allowance for the loss of Weight in the process will cost 5 P<sup>ts</sup> —  
The rolling also including the loss of Weight will cost 7 P<sup>ts</sup> — These  
prices might be done something cheaper, if the Works had been erected  
on a larger scale so as to admit of Steam Engines —  
From this Statement therefore Clippings are worth no more than 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  P<sup>ts</sup> to  
the Mint — But if a demand could be had for them equal to the Quantity,  
for the purpose of Castings, they would be worth about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  P<sup>ts</sup>, because the  
smallness of their Size, which reduces their Value to the Mint, greatly in-  
creases it for Castings, being sufficiently reduced to put into the melting pots  
without further Labour — While the United States want brass cannon,  
the Clippings would be worth 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  P<sup>ts</sup> to them, but this market may not always  
be expected.

4<sup>th</sup> What will be the real Expense of coining  
& half Cents (stating separately the expense of each) in  
most



most economical Methods that experience now suggests?

Answer — The expense of coining half cents is fully equal to coining cents — The lowest price that has ever been contemplated for coining cents is 3¢ executed in the Mint, with the use of our Apparatus, Engine &c. which is estimated at 3¢ 8¢ mae — This I believe is the lowest rate of expense & rather lower than has yet been experienced.

3. What will be the waste of copper in every process it undergoes at the Mint?

Answer — To take the Example from Clippings — to melt them into Ingots ready for rolling the wastage is calculated at 7¢ 8¢ and the rolling the Ingots into sheets is calculated at a loss of 5¢ 6¢ — The bare process of coining is estimated at a loss of 5¢ 6¢ and the loss on clippings has already been mentioned.

From this view of the Cost & Expense the following Statement will appear tolerably accurate.

|                                                                   |     |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| By 8 Dots 10 grs                                                  | 244 | 33 |
| To the Mint in 2000 lb nett of sheet copper at 2¢ 8¢ equal to     | 533 | 33 |
| To expense attending the coining into cents, say 3¢ in half cents | 133 | 33 |
|                                                                   | 666 | 66 |
| By 1000 lb cents in number 33800 equal to                         | 338 | 00 |
| By 500 lb 1/2 cents in number 33800 equal to                      | 169 | 00 |
| By 500 lb clippings at 1¢ — equal to                              | 66  | 66 |
| Loss to the States equal to about 14¢ 6¢                          | 93  | 00 |
|                                                                   | 666 | 66 |

Reduced to 7 Dots

|                                                |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| To Copper coinage as above                     | 666 | 66 |
| By 1000 lb cents in number 41850 equal to      | 418 | 50 |
| By 500 lb 1/2 cents in number 41850            | 209 | 25 |
| By 500 lb clippings at 1¢                      | 66  | 66 |
|                                                | 694 | 41 |
| Gain to the States in 2000 lb copper at 14¢ 6¢ | 27  | 75 |

From this calculation it will appear that at 2¢ 8¢ and a Reduction to 7 Dots the saving to the United States will not exceed 4¢ 6¢.

14¢ 6¢. But if the expense of sending the Cents to the different States, as directed by the Act of Congress is considered, the Account will be fully balanced — But if the present weight of Cents should be continued, the loss to the United States will be at least 14¢ 6¢.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir, your obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

The Secretary of State

Mint of the United States, Feb 28 1796

The Honble the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the U. States.

Sir

I have the Honor of inclosing to you, a Report on the Memorial of John Harper, in obedience to the Order of the House of Representatives of the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant, and am with every Sentiment of Respect and Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient & hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

The Director of the Mint in Obedience to the Order of the House of Representatives of the United States, of the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant, has carefully examined the Memorial of John Harper of the City of Philad<sup>a</sup>, and begs leave to make the following Report thereon —

That in the Beginning of the Year 1795, a Committee of the House of Representatives was appointed to enquire into, and report on the State of the Mint of the United States — When being informed that the Memorialist was able to give them some useful Information respecting the Management and Machinery of Mints, the Committee sent for him, and put a number of important Questions to him — The Memorialist with



great Candour & Freedom communicated his Knowledge to the Committee, who thought it worth forwarding to the Secretary of State and recommended to him an Interview with the Memorialist, as the Committee did not consider the Improvement of the Machinery of the Mint as coming within their appointment.

Some Days after, the Memorialist complained to the Members of the Committee, that he had not been well treated, as on his going to the Mint, and pointing out the Improvements which he thought necessary, he was treated with Neglect, and as a Person knowing but little of the Business - But, to convince the Committee he had said nothing but what was true, he wrote make a Press & cutting Machine at his own Expence - The Committee refused him from it, as it was not in their Power to reimburse him the Expences he would necessarily be at - In a few Weeks the Memorialist again called on the Committee of his own accord, and informed them that his Press was ready: That he had made the Dies also, and would prove by actual Experiment, what he had asserted as Theory. The Committee attended, and were greatly pleased with the Simplicity of the Machine, and the Expedition with which it struck the Coins. The Committee from their own Pockets reimbursed the Memorialist for the Copper he had used in the Experiment, and recommended him to the Secretary of State for further Attention; but the Memorialist did not receive any other Compensation.

The same simple Mode of coining is now practised at the Mint of the United States with great Advantage. - The present Director, on coming into Office, found the Dies used by the Memorialist, still in his Possession, and conceiving this to be very improper, took them into the Mint, with Design of paying the Memorialist for them. The Director finding that he could not legally reimburse him for his Services, offered him the second Appointment in the coining Department, which was refused, he being engaged in a more lucrative Employment.

The Director therefore on the whole of the Memorialist's Case (altho he does not think he suffered much by making the Press, it being in the Way of his Business) yet considers him in Equity entitled to a reasonable recompence for the candid and useful Information given to the Committee, the Dies taken into the Mint, and the Loss of Time in attending for that purpose.

Mint of the United States

Mint of the United States  
March 2<sup>d</sup> 1796

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir  
It is requested that a Warrant may be made out for the amount mentioned in the enclosed, in behalf of the Treasurer of the Mint as speedily as possible.

I have the honour to be with great respect

Sir, Your very obt. Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

An Estimate of the Cost & Expences of Importation on ten Tons of  
Copper in Sheets -  
10 Ton Sheet Copper - 22,400 \$ . . . 13<sup>d</sup> . . . \$ 1213.6.8  
Copper Cases for Packages . . . . . 20.0.0  
Freight 50¢ p<sup>r</sup> Ton . . . . . 25.0.6  
Shipping Expences, consisting of half Wharfage,  
Custom-House Fees &c. &c. . . . . 5.0.0  
Insurance on \$ 1240. a 90¢ p<sup>r</sup> Cent  
including p<sup>r</sup> 6 as commissions on th<sup>e</sup> . . . . . 55.16.0<sup>d</sup>  
Sterling £ 1314. 2. 8  
Exchange @ 157½ p<sup>r</sup> 6 p<sup>r</sup> 67 \$ 2077.12.8 = \$ 3340 <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

The above Sum is wanted for the purpose of purchasing Bills on London to send for ten Tons of Copper to be imported in the first Spring Vessels.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1796  
Mint of U.S.

Elias Boudinot, Director

Approved 1<sup>st</sup> March 1796

(Signed) G. Washington



The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Mint of the United States  
Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1796

Sir

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the  
Treasurer of the Mint for four Thousand Dollars, for the ordinary  
Expenses of the Institution - I have the honour to be with  
respect

Sir, your obdt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

[Signed] Elias Boudinot Director

The Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Mint of the United States  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1796

Sir

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the  
Treasurer of the Mint for two Thousand, two Hundred & seventy five  
Dollars for the Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for  
the Quarter ending this day, agreeably to the annexed List.

|                                 |              |       |                                    |                         |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| M <sup>r</sup> . Elias Boudinot | Director     | 2,000 | Doll <sup>r</sup> Ann <sup>y</sup> | \$ 500                  |
| Nicholas Way                    | Treasurer    | 1,200 | "                                  | 300                     |
| Joseph Richardson               | Assayer      | 1,500 | "                                  | 375                     |
| Henry Voigt                     | Chief Coiner | 1,500 | "                                  | 375                     |
| Robert Scott                    | Engraver     | 1,200 | "                                  | 300                     |
| Nathaniel Thomas                | Clerk        | 700   | "                                  | 175                     |
| Isaac Hough                     | "            | 500   | "                                  | 125                     |
| Lodowicke Sharpe                | "            | 500   | "                                  | 125                     |
|                                 |              |       |                                    | Doll <sup>r</sup> 2,275 |

With sentiments of respect  
and Esteem I remain Sir,  
your obdt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
[Signed] Elias Boudinot Dir<sup>r</sup>

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Mint of the United States  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1796

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honour to enclose you an Estimate of the  
probable Expenses of the Mint Establishment for the year 1797 -  
With great Respect I remain  
Sir, your obdt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

[Signed] Elias Boudinot Director

The Secretary of the Treasury.

An Estimate  
of the Expenses of the Mint Establishment for the year 1797

### Salaries.

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Director                 | 2,000 |
| Treasurer                | 1,200 |
| Assayer                  | 1,500 |
| Chief Coiner             | 1,500 |
| Melter & Refiner         | 1,500 |
| Engraver                 | 1,200 |
| 1 Clerk                  | 700   |
| 2 Ditto                  | 500   |
| Doll <sup>r</sup> 10,600 |       |

### Wages of Labourers

In the Wages of Persons employed in the  
Mint at the different Branches of refining, melt-  
ing, Coining, Carpenter's, Millwright & Smith's  
Work, including \$800 p<sup>a</sup> Ann<sup>y</sup> allowed to an  
Assistant Coiner and Die Forger - He also  
superintends the Execution of the Iron Work

Carried Over - 7,000

Carried Over - 17,600



Am<sup>d</sup>. brought forward. \$17,600

Incidental & contingent Expenses &c.  
Repairs of Furnaces & Cost of Rollers &c.

Services, Timber, Saw Iron &c for Blacksmiths,  
Millwrights & machinery Work . . . . . 1,500  
Wood & Coals used in the Works . . . . . 2,300  
Lead, Steel, Pot Ash, Nitric Acid, Lard, Tallow, Oil  
Candles, Tallow & a Variety of other Articles  
necessary for the Establishment . . . . . 1,000  
Milling Poles, Crucibles & Muffles . . . . . 500  
Ironmongery . . . . . 500  
Hay & Corn for 5 Horses & probable Expenses of 1. . . 800  
Stationary, Fire Wood &c for the different Offices  
of the Mint . . . . . 800

7,400  
Dollars — 25,000

Mint U.S. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1796

(Signed) Elias Boudinot D<sup>r</sup> M

The Secretary  
of State

I have the honor of enclosing for the President of the  
United States, my annual Report on the State of the Mint, with the  
Abstracts referred to therein. With sentiments of Esteem and  
Respect I remain Sir,  
your most obedient and  
very h<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

The Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.

The Director of the Mint of the U.S. States  
respectfully reports to the President of the  
United States, on the Subject of the  
Mint.

That during the Experiences of twelve Months, he has  
turned his Attention (as far as has been in his power) to the Institution under  
his care. He has seen with Regret, an Opinion generally prevailing here to keep  
that the Establishment is unnecessarily expensive, and less productive than it  
was rationally expected by its advocates & Friends.

The Director, finding some foundation for the Charge has with the  
intention to discover the Cause, as nothing appears, in the general Nature of the Inst<sup>n</sup> secure  
to warrant the Idea. The Expense of the Inquiry is, that the extra-  
ordinary Expenses attending the Mint, are in a great Measure owing to the  
general Plan and the Principles upon which it was established. Among others, the  
the whole Coinage, including the Refinements of the precious Metals, was  
directed by Law to be executed at the public Expense, the Depositor being fully  
indemnified from all Charges whatever. On this Principle not only the  
the original Cost of the Works and the Salaries of the stated Officers, fall on the heavy  
the public; but also the whole amount of the Workmanship, with the Attorneys  
Wages and contingent Expenses.

The want of experimental Knowledge in the Business, great  
at the first establishment of the Mint, prevented any tolerable precise Esti-  
mation of the Expenses necessarily attending the Process — but soon  
after the Commencement of the Business, it was found impracticable  
to proceed with propriety, unless an addition was made to the Establishment —  
ment, by the appointment of a Meller & Refiner. This important need,  
& necessary Officer, is not known in foreign Mints, as the precious Metals  
are there generally deposited of the proper Standard or above it; or have  
they are purchased by the Mint & become public property, there being  
professional Refiners independent of the Mints, whose Business it is  
to purify Metals under standard, but there being no such Artist in this  
City who follow the Business, it became indispensibly necessary to operate  
this Service in the Mint.

This Circumstance was not foreseen, or if foreseen, was  
considered as included in the Duties of the Assayer, but the Necessity of us-  
ing a Check on that Officer, for as this Measure had it been other-  
wise practicable — This added considerably to the annual Expenses of the  
Mint. Formerly the Director could not make any charge for this  
Process against Depositors, the whole Expense therefore fell on the  
Public. Thus on Assaying one Deposit of about 96,000 ounces of  
silver Bullion, it turned out near 24,000 ounces under Standard, for  
which it cost the U.S. upwards of £ 500, so that the Depositor really  
gains



gained that Sum, by bringing his Bullion to the Mint. — This operated very unequally among Depositors. — The Citizen who brought Bullion in this debased State to the Mint received as much coin for the standard Silver therein, as he whose Bullion was previously refined equal to the standard & ready for coining at a very trifling Expence.

Again, the Institution of the Mint, without any appropriation of Capital, either to purchase the precious Metals in Bulk, or anticipate Payments due on Deposits, or to coin for the public, has been another Cause of very considerable Expence: depending upon Depositors alone for the precious Metals, it became necessary for their Encouragement & Satisfaction to coin every deposit as soon as possible after it came into the Treasury of the Mint, to prevent its remaining unproductive to the Depositor, by which means the Clippings & Grains were obliged to be melted & coined as they arose — often three or four times for one Deposit.

Thus the melting, refining & coining a Deposit of 200 Cunces of Silver, or 20 Cunces of Gold, would cost the public nearly as much as a Thousand of either, and a much greater proportional Wastage: whereas could the Bullion be purchased for the public at the market price & kept in the Vaults till a large quantity might be coined at once, or a Capital of about ten Thousand Dollars be allowed to the Mint, so as to anticipate the Payments to Depositors, without being obliged to an immediate Coinage on every Occasion, a very great public saving would take place, not only as to the Wastage, but in the Expensiture of the Materials & Labour used in the Process, and no Injury done to the United States but in the Loan of the Money for a short time. — In a word the Difference would be much the same, as between the wholesale Merchant & the Retailer.

This Measure would also have a Tendency to fix the Price of Bullion & indemnify the public, for some part of the expence of Coinage. — The only Question that would arise, is, whether on the principles of political Economy, it would be a prudent Measure on the part of Government? Suppose the expences of coinage, including Wastage, to be fixed at 3 Percentum to the Depositor, while in foreign Countries it costs nothing? — The consequence would be, that Bullion in America might vary its price 3 Percentum according to the Balance of Trade, while Bullion in those Countries must be supposed invariable in its price, let the Balance of Trade stand as it will. Bullion then in those Countries will always be at the highest price, it ever can bear in America, since it is the

Price of ~~Coin~~ — but in America it may be 3 Percentum lower — therefore the United States, by coining free of all expence, contribute to keep up the price of Bullion higher than it is in Countries where the Coinage is paid for a voluntary Expence is created, of which there can be no just reason to complain.

A Representation of some of these Difficulties, with the dangerous situation of the Mint, for want of protecting Laws to secure the Instruments of coinage, the Metals & the Coin, as also to prevent Counterfeits, has been heretofore made by the Officers of the Mint, with but little other success, than a Resolution of Congress, enabling the Director to retain the expences, of refining the precious Metals under standard; but the Wastage, Alloy and the Coinage are still dead Charges on the public Treasury.

While therefore this Policy on the whole, is considered as beneficial to the United States, the Complaints against the Mint for its heavy Expences to the public, are without solid Foundation, as it is impossible to carry on an Institution of this nature, under these Circumstances, and which requires from fifteen to twenty Workmen & Labourers to attend it without great expence: add to this that the Alloy of Silver & Copper, with the Loss by necessary Wastage, must unavoidably rise to a considerable annual amount.

But notwithstanding these & other Difficulties attending an infant Institution, especially the late great advance in the Price of Materials & Labour, the aggregate Expences of the Mint are greatly reduced, either from the superior Knowledge of the Persons employed, gained by experience, or from new arrangements found to be more advantageous, than those made on the spur of the occasion: this will appear more evident, by a View of the progressive reduction of the contingent Expences, in the quarterly accounts rendered into the Treasury Department, and it is hoped that there will be a further progress, in this desirable Economy.

When the present Director entered upon the Administration of the Mint, there was no Appropriation of Money for the purchase of Copper, for the Coinage of Cents. This he clearly foresaw would prove a source of further Expence, by often leaving the Workmen without Employ. He made Application to Congress by their Committee on this Subject, but all that was obtained was 13000 Dollars, which was coined into Cents and returned into the public Treasury, or remitted for the purchase of Copper before the rising of Congress the last Spring. No further Appropriation was made till it was too late to procure the necessary Co-operation of Copper for the summer's Coinage, whereby much time



has been lost, and some considerable Expense of Workmen has been added to the summers amount.

It is now hoped from the present arrangements, no such Inconveniences will arise hereafter, but a continual & ample Supply of copper Coinage be produced adequate to the public wants.

As the Laws relative to the Mint stand, the Officers are obliged to pay to each Depositor, the Coin arising from his Deposit in strict Order, and to reserve three Pieces of Coin from each Mass, yet no Appropriation has been made to replace the Reserves, or to make good the Wastage. It is therefore impossible for the Officers of the Mint to comply with the Law, and the Depositors complain of being kept out of their property, till provision is made by Congress for their Relief.

By a Number of new half Johannes's brought to the Mint for assaying, said to be coined in the United States, it appears that a Coinage for that purpose is carried on, in some State in the Union. Some of these are found to be under Standard in their Quality, and between two & three pennyweights less than their true Weight. These are Facts, which the Director thinks it his Duty to communicate to the President.

From the various Experiments made since the Establishment of the Mint, it is found unnecessary to make Use of Silver in alloying of Gold, unless it is for the purpose of beautifying the Coin, in which Case, it should be composed at the proportion of one third Silver, to two thirds Copper.

By the following Abstract of the accounts of the Bullion & Coin received & issued from the Mint since its first Establishment, may be seen, as well the Nature of the Deposits made, as the Coins returned to the Treasurer, and the Dates of the Receipts & Issues to this day, with the Amount of the copper Coinage. From this it appears that there is due for Wastage during that Period the Quantity of 1599  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Silver, equal to 1845 Doll.  $\frac{2}{3}$ , besides a Deficit of 814  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Silver equal to 974 Doll.  $\frac{2}{3}$ , making in the whole 2820  $\frac{1}{3}$  Dollars, for which an Appropriation ought to be made by Law, to satisfy a deficient Deposit.

The Director thinks it necessary to mention in Excuspation of the former Officers of the Mint, that by a Report

Report made on this subject, it appears that there is yet a considerable Quantity of old Dotts & Test Bottoms, from which it is expected that nearly the Amount of the deficient Silver, as stated above, will be extracted.

Mint of the United States  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1796.

### Abstract a

A Statement of the Denominations & Value of gold Coins, issued from the Mint of the United States from the Commencement of the Establishment to the Date hereof.

| Period when coined & issued             | Denomination |          |          | Value in |      |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|------|
|                                         | Eagles       | ½ Eagles | ¼ Eagles | Doll.    | Cts. |
| From July 31 to Sept. 30 1795 inclusive | 1297         | 2707     | —        | 56,505   | —    |
| Oct. 1. to Dec. 31 —                    | 1498         | —        | —        | 14,980   | —    |
| Jan 1. to March 31. 1796 —              | 2788         | —        | —        | 27,880   | —    |
| April 1. to June 30 <sup>th</sup> —     | 3292         | 780      | —        | 36,820   | —    |
| July 1. to Sept. 30. —                  | —            | 2,619    | 66       | 13,260   | —    |
|                                         | 8,875        | 12,106   | 66       | 149,445  | —    |

### Abstract b

A Statement of the Denomination & Value of Silver Coins, issued from the Mint of the United States from the Commencement of the Establishment to the Date hereof.

| Period when issued                     | Denomination |         |        |        |         |         | Value in |  |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--|
|                                        | Dollars      | ½ Doll  | ¼ Doll | Dimes  | 2 Dimes | Doll    | Cts.     |  |
| From 15. Oct. 1794 to 30. Sept. 1795 — | 126,553      | 323,144 | —      | —      | 25,836  | 289,417 | 20       |  |
| 1. Oct. 1795 to 31. Dec. —             | 78,238       | —       | —      | —      | 60,360  | 81,266  | —        |  |
| 1. Jan. 1796 to 31. March 1796 —       | 7,717        | —       | —      | 17,950 | 6,840   | 9,854   | —        |  |
| 1 April — to 30. June —                | 20,404       | —       | 5,894  | 4,155  | 3,390   | 22,465  | 50       |  |
| 1 July — to 30. Sept. —                | 31,926       | —       | —      | —      | —       | 31,926  | —        |  |
| 1 Oct. — to this day —                 | 2,103        | —       | —      | —      | —       | 3,103   | —        |  |
|                                        | 272,941      | 323,144 | 5,894  | 22,135 | 96,646  | 443,032 | 30       |  |

Abstract



## Abstract C

A Statement of the Denomination & Value of paper coins issued from the Mint of the United States from the Commencement of the Establishment to the Date hereof

| Period when issued                  | Denomination |           | Value in |     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----|
|                                     | Cents        | 1/2 Cents | Doll     | Cts |
| From March 1. 1793 to Dec 31. 1795. | 1066,033     | 112,534   | 11,373   | -   |
| Jan'y 1. 1796 to March 31. 1796.    | 501,500      | 109,000   | 5,560    | -   |
| April 1. - to June 30 -             | 109,825      | 5,090     | 1,123    | 70  |
| Oct. 1. - to this day -             | 363,375      | 1,390     | 3,640    | 70  |
|                                     | 2040733      | 252,014   | 21,697   | 40  |

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## Abstract F

D<sup>r</sup> Chief Coiner has rec<sup>d</sup> of Silver in a/c.

| 1795      |                                                                                                         | Standards | wt |   |         |    |   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|---|---------|----|---|
| Sept. 30. | To Silver Bullion delivered him for Coinage from the Commence-<br>ment of the Establishment to this day | 320,170   | 3  | - | 369,427 | 55 | - |
| Dec. 31.  | Silver Bullion delivered him in the Pending this day -                                                  | 12,407    | 12 | - | 14,316  | 46 | - |
| 1796      | D. D. D.                                                                                                | 4,584     | 6  | - | 5,289   | 56 | - |
| March 31. | D. D. D.                                                                                                | 14,556    | 2  | - | 16,795  | 49 | - |
| June 30.  | D. D. D.                                                                                                | 34,572    | 17 | - | 39,891  | 73 | 5 |
| Sept. 30. | D. D. D.                                                                                                | 365       | 5  | - | 421     | 44 | - |
| Oct. 3.   | D. D. this Day                                                                                          |           |    |   |         |    |   |
|           |                                                                                                         | 386656    | 5  | - | 446141  | 74 | - |

with Nicholas Way Treasurer of the Mint C<sup>d</sup>

| 1795           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Stand.  | wt |    |         |    |   |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|---------|----|---|
| Sept. 30.      | By Silver Coins rec <sup>d</sup> from him, from the Commencement of the Estab <sup>t</sup> to this Day                                                                                                         | 250,228 | 15 | 4  | 289,417 | 80 | - |
| Dec. 31.       | Little in the Pending this day                                                                                                                                                                                 | 70,130  | 10 | 16 | 81,266  | -  | - |
| 1796 March 31. | D. D. D.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2540    | 2  | 16 | 9,854   | -  | - |
| June 30.       | D. D. D.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 19,470  | 2  | -  | 22,465  | 50 | - |
| Sept. 30.      | D. D. D.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 27,669  | 4  | -  | 31,926  | -  | - |
| Oct. 17.       | D. D. this day                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7,022   | 12 | -  | 8,103   | -  | - |
| Nov. 24.       | Allowance for Wastage at the Rate of 2 for 100 in pursuance of a Warrant of the Director, dated this day, for melting, refining & coining 383,961 Gr. 6 Dwt. & 12 Grs being the Weight by him in Coin as above | 1,599   | 16 | 15 | 1845    | 95 | 5 |
|                | Silver Coins rec <sup>d</sup> from him from 16 May 95 to this day retained by me for the Inspection of Comm <sup>rs</sup> app <sup>d</sup> by Law to make assays                                               | 95      | 6  | 16 | 110     | -  | - |
|                | Silver Bullion rec <sup>d</sup> from him this day                                                                                                                                                              | 154     | 18 | -  | 178     | 73 | - |
| 24.            | Bullion due Treas <sup>r</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                 | 844     | 17 | 5  | 974     | 75 | 5 |
|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 386656  | 5  | -  | 446141  | 74 | - |

Mint of the United States, Treas<sup>r</sup> Office Nov<sup>r</sup> 24. 1796

(Signed) Nicholas Way



22  
The Secretary  
of Treasury.

Sir

Mint of the United States 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1796

The Depositor of Bullion in the Mint, on whom the Deficiency & Wastage of Silver since the commencement of the Institution falls, insists on the payment of his Deposit, and can wait no longer. I must therefore ask for the sum of 2820<sup>00</sup> Dollars in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint, for the purpose of paying off the above Deposit.

I am Sir

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

The Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treasury  
of the U.S.

The Auditor of  
the U.S.

Mint of the U.S. 24. Dec 1796

The Director of the Mint informs the Auditor of the United States, that during the quarter ending March 31. 1796, James Swan by his Attorney John Vaughan applied to the President of the United States and obtained Leave for the Use of the Works of the Mint to separate the Gold from a certain Quantity of Silver deposited in the Mint for Coinage, and which was discovered to be mixed with it after such Deposit, which process was to be performed by private Contract of Mr Swan with a professional Workman, without any participation of the Mint. To accomplish this four Deposits amounting in the whole to 54,015<sup>00</sup> - 9 - value 62,325<sup>00</sup> Dollars were withdrawn from the Mint and the Treasurer's Receipts delivered up, and cancelled by the Director's Orders, and of course the Account of Silver Bullion credited with the amount.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

The Auditor of the U.S.

Two Notes to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1796 ought to have succeeded the above, for which see page 24.

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir

35  
23  
Mint of the United States  
Feb 7 25. 1797

Please to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint, for four Thousand Dollars, for the ordinary Expenses of the Institution. I have the Hon<sup>ble</sup> to be Sir, your Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

4000 Doll<sup>s</sup>

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

Mr John Vaughan

Mint of the United States  
14<sup>th</sup> March 1797

Sir

In answer to your Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant, relative to Bullion deposited in the Mint, previous to my appointment, I have caused the Books of the Mint to be carefully examined and find all the Treasurer's Receipts given to you for Deposits (except one which is in train) are duly paid off & cancelled as appears by your Receipts or those of your Indorsees on the Back of them. You therefore cannot expect any farther Payment from me or by my Warrant. I presume from these Vouchers that your Demand has been regularly and duly satisfied according to the Course of the Mint. Yours

I am Sir

Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(Signed) Elias Boudinot



The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir

Mint of the United States Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1796

The Treasurer of the Mint has delivered to the Treasurer of the United States, in the Quarter ending this Day, three Thousand, five Hundred & forty Dollars and seventy Cents, in Cents & half Cents, for which your Warrant is requested.

Exclusive of the above Amount there has been delivered to, & receipted for, by the Treasurer of the U. States, seven Hundred & fifty Dollars, for which no Warrant has yet been issued. This sum is said to be a Balance due from the Persons to whom copper Coins were shipped in the first Quarter of the present Year.

I am Sir, with great Respect,

Y<sup>rs</sup> H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir

Mint of the United States Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1796

We please to issue your Warrant in favour of Nicholas Way, Treasurer of the Mint for two Thousand, four Hundred ninety four Dollars & ten Cents, being so much due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for their Services in the Q<sup>r</sup> ending this day, agreeably to the annexed Statement.

Salaries due the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for their Services in the Q<sup>r</sup> ending this Day.

|                   |                                                                            |      |    |      |      |    |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|------|------|----|
| Elias Boudinot    | Director                                                                   | 2000 | \$ | Plan | 500  | -  |
| Nicholas Way      | Treasurer                                                                  | 1200 | -  | -    | 300  | -  |
| Joseph Richardson | Assayer                                                                    | 1500 | -  | -    | 375  | -  |
| Henry Knight      | C. Coiner                                                                  | 1500 | -  | -    | 375  | -  |
| Joseph Cloud      | Melter & Refiner                                                           | 1500 | -  | -    | 220  | 10 |
|                   | from 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> |      |    |      |      |    |
| Robert Scot       | Engraver                                                                   | 1200 | -  | -    | 300  | -  |
| Isaac Hough       | Clerk                                                                      | 500  | -  | -    | 125  | -  |
| Nathaniel Thomas  | Dr                                                                         | 700  | -  | -    | 175  | -  |
| Lodowick Sharpe   | Dr                                                                         | 500  | -  | -    | 125  | -  |
|                   |                                                                            |      |    |      | 2445 | 10 |

Mint of the U. States April 7<sup>th</sup> 1797

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

The Director of the Mint informs the Secretary of the Treasury that from the Report of the Officers of the Mint, they can return into the Treasury five Thousand Dollars p<sup>er</sup> Week in Coin, in Case the Secretary will furnish ten Thousand the first Week, and afterwards five Thousand Dollars p<sup>er</sup> Week on that sum being again drawn weekly from the Treasury or a sum equal to what is returned into it. This will be done allowing for unavoidable accidents in the making very small Coin. The Bank must have an Order from the Secretary for the Supply of this Money on the public Account.

By the Secretary of the Treasury  
of the United States.

In pursuance of the Authority to me committed by the Act of Congress passed on the second Day of April 1792, entitled "An Act establishing a Mint, & regulating the Coins of the United States" and the Act passed on the ninth Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1793 entitled "An Act regulating foreign Coins & for other purposes" I do hereby authorize & empower the President & Directors of the Bank of the United States, in manner following to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> That the said President & Directors advance to the Treasurer of the Mint of the United States, pursuant to Requisitions in his favor to be made by the Director of said Mint, any sum not exceeding ten Thousand Dollars in foreign Gold & Silver Coins, except Spanish milled Dollars, & parts of such Dollars.

2<sup>d</sup> On the repayment of the whole or any part of the said Advance of ten Thousand Dollars, not being less than three Thousand Dollars in Coins of the United States, the said President & Directors, may advance a further sum, equal to the said repayment, on Requisitions of the Director of the Mint as aforesaid.



3<sup>d</sup> The advances by the President & Directors of the Bank of the United States, in pursuance of this Instrument, not exceeding ten thousand Dollars at one time, shall & may be considered as advanced to the United States, out of the Monies belonging to the United States from time to time remaining in the custody of the Bank of the United States ~

4<sup>th</sup> It is requested that a separate & distinct account of all advances & repayments, in pursuance of this Instrument may be preserved ~



In witness hereof, I have hereunto subscribed my Hand & affixed the Seal of the Treasury of the United States this twelfth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven ~

(Signed) *Oliver Wolcott*  
Secy of the Treas<sup>y</sup>

Mint of the United States  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1797.

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir

Be pleased to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint, for five thousand Dollars, for the purpose of purchasing Copper for Coinage ~

With much Respect I am Sir,  
Your most Obedt<sup>serv</sup>

(Signed) *Elias Boudinot*

The Secretary of the Treasury  
of the United States ~

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir

Be pleased to issue your Warrant in favour of Nicholas May, Treasurer of the Mint, for Two thousand six hundred & fifty Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending this Day, agreeably to the following Statement ~

|                          |                          |                          |               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| viz.                     |                          |                          |               |
| Elias Boudinot           | Director                 | 2000 \$ p <sup>ann</sup> | 500           |
| Nicholas May             | Treasurer                | 1200                     | 300           |
| Joseph Richardson        | Assayer                  | 1500                     | 375           |
| Henry Seigt              | Coiner                   | 1500                     | 375           |
| Joseph Cloud             | Melting Ref <sup>y</sup> | 1500                     | 375           |
| Robert Scot              | Engraver                 | 1200                     | 300           |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Thomas | Clerk                    | 700                      | 175           |
| Isaac Hough              | D <sup>y</sup>           | 500                      | 125           |
| Leewich Shaper           | D <sup>y</sup>           | 500                      | 125           |
|                          |                          |                          | Dollars 2,650 |

I am Sir, your most Obedt<sup>serv</sup>

and very Hble<sup>serv</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

(Signed) *Elias Boudinot*

The Collector  
of the Revenue

The Director of the Mint's Compliments to the Collector, and informs him in answer to the message rec<sup>d</sup> by his Clerk relating to giving Bond for the Duties for the Copper imported on account of the United States for the Use of the Mint — That the Copper is merely <sup>as always manufactured</sup> Bullion and that the Director cannot submit either to give Bond, or pay any Duties, none being payable by Law for unwrought Copper — That it is absolutely necessary to have this Copper landed immediately, otherwise the public Business must suffer ~

Mint of the United States  
August 28<sup>th</sup> 1797.



The President  
of the United States

To the President of the United States -

The Report of the Director of  
the Mint of the United States.

That finding a contagious Fever prevailing in the City of Philadelphia, of which the Treasurer of the Mint is now laying ill, and that the Alarm on this account, has rendered the Workmen and Officers uneasy, that the Director finds that he will not be able to keep them much longer together, he has therefore in order to prevent Confusion & Disorder in case it should (from any sudden Emergency) become necessary to shut up the Mint in a hurry, made a provisional arrangement therefor, when that Event shall take place, a copy of which, he does himself the honor of enclosing, that in case Government should think any other Provision necessary, it may be ordered in time -

All which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the United States  
August 30<sup>th</sup> 1797.

\* For which see pp 24 & 25 of the other side of this Book.  
For the Officers Request to the Director & his answer, see pp 26 of B.

Hon. Dallas Esq.

Mint of the U. States 14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1797

Sir

Mr. Gilchrist produced me an account against the Mint before my time, with which I have nothing to do. But I examined into it and found that the Services had never been done - if done they were for a Person, the belonging to the Mint, was acting in a private Capacity for his own particular Emolument, and not entrusted by the Public - and even if they had been done for the Mint, they are charged at five, if not ten fold their real Value -

I may add also, that Mr. Gilchrist as Security for the late Grogan will I fear be found a very considerable Debtor to the Public -

This

This Information I give to you from the consideration of that personal acquaintance which I owe you, - and am

Sir your very H<sup>ble</sup> Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot

Alexander J Dallas Esq.

Mint of the United States Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1797

Sir

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of Doct<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Rush, Treasurer of the Mint, for five Thousand Dollars for the ordinary Expences of the Institution - I have the honor to be with respect

Sir, your most obed<sup>t</sup>  
& very H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

To the Secretary of the Treasury  
of the United States -

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Rosehill Sept<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1797.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to enclose the Estimate of the Expences of the Mint of the United States for the Year 1798 agreeably to your request by the Register.

And am Sir,

Your very H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

The Secretary of the Treasury  
of the United States.

M



30  
In Estimate  
of the Expenses of the Mint Establishment for the Year 1798.

Salaries of the Officers & Clerks.

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Director         | 8200.        |
| Treasurer        | 1200.        |
| Assayer          | 1500.        |
| C. Corner        | 1500.        |
| Melter & Refiner | 1500.        |
| Engraver         | 1200.        |
| 1 Clerk          | 700.         |
| 2 D <sup>s</sup> | 500. - 1000. |
|                  | \$10,600     |

Wages of Labourers.

for the Wages of Persons employed at the different branches of refining, melting, coining, carpenters, millwrights and Smith's Work, including the Sum of eight Hundred Dollars of Plum, allowed to an Assistant Corner & Die-forgers who also oversee the execution of the Iron work 6000.

Incidental & contingent Expenses & Repairs

|                                                                                                                |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Repairs of Furnaces, Cost of Shells & Sawes, Timber, bar Iron &c for Blacksmiths, Millwrights & Machinery Work | 1200-     |
| Lead, Steel, Potash, Vitriol, &c. for use, &c.                                                                 |           |
| Candles, Tallow, &c. variety of other Articles                                                                 | 800-      |
| Wood & Coals used in the works                                                                                 | 2000-     |
| Melting Pots, Crucibles & Muffles                                                                              | 300-      |
| Ironmongery                                                                                                    | 200-      |
| Hay & Corn for 5 Horses & probable expense                                                                     | 600-      |
| Stationary, fire wood for diff <sup>t</sup> Offices                                                            | 600-      |
|                                                                                                                | 5,700-    |
|                                                                                                                | \$22,300- |

Mint of the United States  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1797.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Cashier of the  
Bank of U.S.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
Judges of the  
Sup<sup>r</sup> Court

31  
The Cashier of the Bank of the United States is hereby au-  
thorized to carry the respective Balances of the late Doct<sup>r</sup> Wray's accounts  
as Treasurer of the Mint to the account opened by Doct<sup>r</sup> Breyer's  
Successor in Office.

Mint of the United States  
Director Office Dec<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the United States 14<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1797.

The Director of the Mint of the United States, respectfully informs  
the honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania  
that the Assayer of the Mint, Mr Joseph Richardson is summoned as a juror  
to attend the Court during the present Week - That Mr Richardson is an  
Officer of the Mint, without whose daily attendance, the Business of the  
Mint cannot be proceeded in - That at this Time there are very large  
quantities of Bullion on Hand, the Delay of which will not only be very ex-  
pensive to the United States; but exceedingly injurious to the Citizens of the  
States who have deposited their Bullion for Coinage - The Director there-  
fore respectfully submits to your Honors, the propriety of excusing  
Mr Richardson's attendance, if compatible with the Business of the  
Court - I have the honor to be with the most perfect  
Consideration

Your Honors  
Most obed<sup>t</sup>

Robt Lovett

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Judges  
of the Supreme Court -



The Hon. Sec.  
the Speaker of the  
House of Reps.

Sir,

Mint of the U.S. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1797

I beg leave to enclose my Report in Compliance with the Order of the House of Representatives of yesterday, which I have made as perfect as the very short time allowed me for the purpose would admit. I have the honor to be with the most perfect Consideration & Esteem

Sir, Your very obed<sup>t</sup>.

W<sup>th</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

The Director of the Mint in obedience to the Order of the House of Representatives of the United States, of yesterday, begs leave to

Report the enclosed Statements N<sup>o</sup> 1. 2. 3 & 4 being those required by said Order.

It is thought prudent to take into the Mint, no more Bullion than may be acted upon in one Mass, or Deposit, when it comes from any of the Banks of this City, from whence it can be had in a very short time when wanted. It is for this Reason that other Deposits which are ready to be made by the Bank of the United States, have not been lodged in the Mint; but are waiting the Completion of the Coinage now in Hand. The expected Deposits from different Banks in this City & New York, as far as the Director has been informed may amount to above three Hundred Thousand Dollars in French Crowns. These are expected to be received into the Mint by limited Deposits, as fast as the prior ones are paid off. When there is a sufficient Quantity of Bullion to keep one Press striking, this will be at the rate of about eighteen or twenty Thousand Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Week. The gold Coinage increases in amount, in proportion to its additional Value.

Mint of U.S. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1797.

N.B. It should be remembered that the Mint was shut up during the Prevalence of the yellow Fever in the City.

By the Statements mentioned in the foregoing Report, it appears that there have been deposited in the Mint, from the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1796 / the Date of the Director's last Report, to Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1797.

|           |            |                       |          |              |
|-----------|------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Of Silver | 12,151-0-8 | Stand. w <sup>t</sup> | equal to | 118,635-76-3 |
| Gold      | 3,997-15-9 |                       |          | 106,626-95   |

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1797

Sir,

This will accompany the late Treasurer's Accounts of the ordinary Receipts & Expenditures of the Mint to the 31 August last. The Sum of 2821<sup>70</sup> Dollars, which was obtained from the Treasury by Virtue of a Warrant N<sup>o</sup> 6730 dated 21<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>d</sup>, was requested by me for the purpose of paying off a Deposit of Silver, on which the Deficiency & Wastage of Silver, since the commencement of the Mint Establishment had fallen. It was therefore inserted in the Accounts of Bullion & Coinage, which are now making out, & will be transmitted you as soon as completed.

I am Sir, respectfully

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

The Auditor of the Treasury

Sir,

Mint of U.S. Director's Office Dec<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1797

Be pleased to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for four Thousand Dollars for the salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint & other Expenses of the Establishment.

There have been delivered to the Treasurer of the United States, in the present Quarter, Copper Coins, to the Value of four Thousand eight Hundred & Sixty Dollars, for which a Warrant is requested.

I am Sir, respectfully

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

The Secretary of the Treasury  
of the United States



Secretary of  
Treasury

Mint of the U. States Dec<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1797

Sir  
Please to pay your Warrant in favour of Benj<sup>t</sup> Bush  
Treasurer of the Mint, for five Thousand & fourteen Dollars and  
thirteen Cents, being for the Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of  
the Mint from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 31<sup>st</sup> Inf<sup>t</sup> inclusive, agreeably  
to the enclosed Statements.

I am Sir, with great Respect  
Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Oliver Wolcott Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary of Treasury.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot D<sup>ist</sup> C.

Mint of the U. States 5 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1798

The Secretary  
of State.

Dear Sir  
Enclosed is my annual Report on the State of  
the Mint, for the President of the U. States. I have to apologize  
for not sending this the Beginning of the Year. It was prepared  
and the Returns directed to be made out, when I was taken ill,  
and confined almost ever since to my Room.

I have the Honor to be with  
Sentiments of Respect & Esteem  
Dear Sir,

Your very Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot D<sup>ist</sup> C.

To the Secretary of State

Director's Re-  
port to President

To the President of the U. States of America.

The Director of the Mint, begs leave for the Infor-  
mation of Government respectfully to report  
That during the past Year there have been  
issued from the Mint, the several Species of Coin particu-  
larly mentioned in the enclosed Returns, amounting in  
Value

Value to 194,005 Doll<sup>r</sup> in gold Coins — 63,156.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll<sup>r</sup> in silver Coins,  
and 9990.<sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll<sup>r</sup> in copper Coins, making up the whole Quantity of Coin  
heretofore issued from the Mint to 344,050 Doll<sup>r</sup> in Gold, 506,188.<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll<sup>r</sup>  
in Silver, and 31,687.<sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll<sup>r</sup> in Cents & half Cents.

The Director would observe, that having had no Prospect of  
large Deposits of the precious Metals during the past Year, he had re-  
duced the Number of Workmen, to bear some due Proportion to the Business  
doing at the Mint; but that the Prospect of a pretty full Supply of Silver  
during the current Year, since this Return of the Estimate to the Treasury  
has justified the Director in increasing the Force of the Mint, so  
as to answer the Demand expected to be made, from the increased  
Amount of Deposits of silver Bullion, the additional Expenses which  
may be fully paid out of the means of former Appropriations.

Some Doubts have arisen, as to the Ability of the Mint to  
supply the Necessities of the Union, with Respect to a circulating Medium  
in our own Coins — This will depend entirely on the Legislature — If  
the Director is allowed a sufficient Force, and the Mint can be furnished  
with Bullion, it will be within his Power to produce one Million, or  
ten Millions of Dollars in Coins & Ann. in Proportion to the Aids he  
shall receive for the Purpose.

It is with Pleasure that he can assure the President,  
it will be easy to demonstrate the Fact, that the greater the force used,  
and the Quantity coined, the proportionate Expence to the Amount  
of Coin, will be lessened — The Force hitherto made use of, has been  
from four to five Horses, and on an average, fourteen Workmen —  
It is now raised to twenty Workmen, and six Horses are intended —  
This last, tho' an expensive Measure, is by no Means adequate  
to our Wants — They cannot perform the necessary Service longer  
than two hours at a Time, and the Business is often impeded by  
them — Whereas could it be permitted to erect a steam Engine,  
the Use of Horses would be superseded, and a Force equal to double  
the Quantity of Work would be obtained, & several of the other Machines  
now worked by manual Labour, might be carried on by the same operation.

From an Estimate of the Expence of such an Engine, laid  
before the Director, and annexed hereto, with an Estimate of the Work which  
might be performed by means of it, he is of Opinion that the Price of the  
Engine would be saved in two or three Years.

Heretofore



Therefore it would have been a great want of economy to have increased the Price of Hauls & Horses in the Mint, and of consequence the public Expence, beyond what was necessary for the Coinage of the expected Bullion, merely on account of having great Expedition in coining small Deposits. Whatever has been brought to the Mint, has been as promptly executed as was compatible with that Economy; but whenever the Government or Citizens shall produce a sufficient Supply of the precious Metals, it will then be justifiable to increase the Expences of the Institution.

The Director is pleased to find, that from the Experience he has had of the new Arrangement with Respect to the Coinage of Copper, any Quantity may now be made that can be disposed of, attended with a considerable Advantage to the Public.

He begs leave to refer the President to his former Reports with Regard to the unprotected State of the Mint, as far as relates to the Punishment of Offenders who may be guilty of the several Offences mentioned therein, which yet remains unprovided for.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

#### Abstract a

A Statement of the Denomination & Value of gold Coins issued from the Mint of the U.S. from the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1796 to the Date of the Director's last Report to the Date hereof.

|                           |            |         |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| 15,409 Eagles             | \$ 154,090 |         |
| 7,097 half D <sup>s</sup> | 35,485     |         |
| 2,612 D <sup>s</sup>      | 5,030      | 194,605 |

Mint of the U.S.  
Chief Office, Feb: 5<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Abstract b

Abstract b  
A Statement of the Denomination & Value of silver Coins issued from same Date &c.

|                            |           |     |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 56,322 Dollars             | \$ 56,322 |     |
| 3,918 half D <sup>s</sup>  | 1,959     |     |
| 252 D <sup>s</sup>         | 63        |     |
| 25,261 Dimes               | 2,526     | 10  |
| 44,527 half D <sup>s</sup> | 2,226     | 35  |
|                            | 63,156    | 145 |

5<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1798.

#### Abstract c

A Statement &c of Copper - same Date &c.

|                             |          |    |
|-----------------------------|----------|----|
| 945,510 Cents               | \$ 9,455 | 10 |
| 107,042 half D <sup>s</sup> | 535      | 24 |
|                             | 9,990    | 34 |

5<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1798.

Stop

Mint of the U.S. March 31<sup>st</sup> 1798.

Secretary of  
the Treasury

Sir

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the Treasurers of the Mint for four Thousand Dollars for the ordinary Expences of the Institution - Likewise a Warrant for 2,650 D<sup>ls</sup> being the Amt<sup>t</sup> of the Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Period ending this day, agreeably to the following Statement - Vix

|                          |                    |                           |          |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Elias Boudinot           | Director           | a \$ 2000 p <sup>an</sup> | \$ 500   |
| Benj <sup>t</sup> Rush   | Treas <sup>r</sup> | 1200                      | 300      |
| Henry Knight             | C. Coiner          | 1500                      | 375      |
| Joseph Clout             | M. & Refiner       | 1500                      | 375      |
| Robert Scot              | Engraver           | 1200                      | 300      |
| Joseph Richardson        | Assayer            | 1500                      | 375      |
| Nath <sup>l</sup> Thomas | Clerk              | 700                       | 175      |
| Isaac Hough              | D <sup>r</sup>     | 500                       | 125      |
| Edm <sup>nd</sup> Sharpe | D <sup>r</sup>     | 500                       | 125      |
|                          |                    |                           | \$ 2,650 |

There



There have been issued from the Mint during the present Quarter, fourteen Hundred and eighty Dollars, in copper Coins for which a Warrant is also requested.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Dir.  
The Secretary of the Treasury }  
of the United States } The Original burned by accident.

Secretary of  
the Treasury

Mint of the U.S. April 2<sup>d</sup> 1792.

The Director of the Mint having caused the coins sent to the Mint, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to be assayed with great Care, certifies their Weight & Value, as follows.

|                       |                    |                        |            |        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|--------|
| Gold Coin             | Star Pagoda        | 2.5 p. contains 46 Grs | Standard = | \$1.70 |
| Silver D <sup>r</sup> | Rupce              | 7.12 p. 197 Grs        |            | 0.47   |
| D <sup>r</sup>        | 1/2 D <sup>r</sup> | 3.13 p. 87 Grs         |            | 0.20.5 |

It must be remarked that the half Rupce is not nearly equal in fineness, & of course in proportional value to the Rupce.

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director  
To the Secretary of the Treasury }  
of the United States }

P.S. It is possible that the half Rupce mentioned above may have been a counterfeit, or that different Emmissions may be of different intrinsic value. The Director therefore suggests the Propriety of a further assay on different Pieces if they can be had.

Mint of the U.S. April 1792

Hon<sup>ble</sup> E. Boudinot  
Chairman of the  
Com<sup>tee</sup> of Claims

Dear Sir

Agreeably to your Request I have caused the Books and Files of the Mint to be carefully searched, and have compared them with the Petition of Mr John Vaughan referred to me by you. This was necessary before I could with Propriety give a just Statement of Facts, as his Petition relates to Transactions previous to my Appointment.

There is no Evidence arising from the Books or Files of the Mint by which it can appear that any Coins have ever been issued from the Mint, but of the Standard appointed by Law. The Report of the Chief Coiner, who has been in the Mint from its first Commencement, is that the then Director ordered all the Coin to be made agreeably to the Standard; but that the then Assayer insisted that so great an Alloy would prevent the rolling of the Silver, and that the pure Silver should be mixed to 10ths: 16 dwts instead of 10 or 14 dwts 4 2/3 Grs which was the legal Standard. When the present Director came into Office, he understood this had been done, which led him to issue an Order strictly to adhere to the legal Standard, leaving the Consequences with the Legislature.

The Assayer who it was said had made the Alteration died very suddenly immediately on the present Director's coming into Office, so that he had no Opportunity of examining into the Reasons or Principles of not adhering to the legal Standard.

But to judge properly of the Justice of Mr Vaughan's Petition, it will be necessary to analyse his Complaint. It is not that he did not receive his whole Quantity of Silver deposited in the Mint; but that the Officers had not mixed so great a Quantity of Alloy with it, as was directed by Law, by which the Coin was purer than necessary, and of course the Quantity less.

The Act of Congress of April 2<sup>d</sup> 1792. does certainly direct the Standard of the United States to contain 1485 parts of pure Silver, to 179 parts of Alloy to be formed of Copper. It also appoints five Commissioners consisting of the Chief Justice of the

United



United States, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Attorney General, to attend at the Mint on the second Monday in Feb. in every Year to try the Coin previously issued during the Year — If they find it agreeable to the Standard appointed by Law, or within 144 parts of it (which is the Standard) the Officers are to be discharged; but if not, they are to report to the President, and the Officers guilty of the offence are to be removed from Office — The Commissioners did meet on the Days appointed by Law, and on assaying the reserved Pieces of the Coin issued previously from the Mint, they found it all within the Remedy appointed by Law, and of course discharged the Officers concerned in the Coinage — These Commissioners being the proper Jurisdiction appointed by Law, are the sole Judges of the Business, and they having on actual Experiment determined the Coinage to have been legal, it must be conclusive in this Business.

If the former Assayer did really decrease the Quantity of Alloy (which seems to be probable) I cannot conceive any Principle on which he could have acted consistent with common Prudence, but that of its being within the Remedy provided by Law, as a Latitude given to his Discretion — This Idea is strengthened by the Addition of the fine Silver contained to have been added was to raise the Standard of 10 & 14 parts 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  Grs equal to 10 & 16 parts is within the smallest Fraction equal to the 144<sup>th</sup> part given by Law as the Remedy — However this Conduct may discover a want of Prudence, yet it was strictly legal, altho' it is justly evident that the original Design of the Law was to guard against accidental Errors, and not willful ones — But even if the Petitioner's Complaints were ever so well founded, he could in Justice only require Permission to prosecute the Assayer's Bond for his own Use, as it would be very unreasonable to make the Government liable for every Officer's Violation of his Trust. On the same Principle that the Petitioner is entitled to Redress from Government, every Depositor to the Amount of upwards of 300,000 Dollars, is entitled to equal Justice. The Extent of his Claim must therefore appear rather extravagant — I ought not to omit the Fact, that the Deposit of 31,014 $\frac{1}{2}$  was made by Mr Bee, was made by him, not as a public Officer; but as the private Agent

Agent of Mr Vaughan who employed him for that Purpose and indemnified the Mint by an express Agreement against all Losses occasioned by such Agency, and therefore if he deposited that Sum under a false Standard, Mr Vaughan must abide by the Consequences of his Misconduct.

With Regard to the Claim of the Petitioner for the Delay attending the Coinage of his Deposit of Jan'y 1795, with those following, I conceive it is not well founded — The Mint began its Operations under great Disadvantages in Oct. 1794 — These were increased by the first Deposit being that of the Bank of Maryland of upwards of 90,000 $\frac{1}{2}$  of very base Silver, yet by Law was entitled to the first Payment — Mr Vaughan made his Deposit the 7<sup>th</sup> in Order and therefore was necessarily postponed according to Law; yet from his urgent Necessity for the Money, and his Silver being of pure Quality, both the Bank of Maryland & that of North America who were entitled to the Priority, consented to his taking their Place in Part, and accordingly he received on the 4. 587 March following 20,000 Doll. April 27. 21. 28 & 30. 34,000 Doll. 1. 9. 13 & 16. May 45,000 Doll. 8. 12. 17 & 20. June 24,000 Doll. and so on till the several Deposits were paid, altho' these different Payments were comprised in single Warrants, which from the Dates being at the Time the Warrant was signed, makes it appear as if the Petitioner had laid out of his Deposit till the Date of the Warrant. On the whole the Payments were made to the Petitioner with less Delay than could have been expected under the Disadvantage of the Petitioner being the 7<sup>th</sup> Depositor.

On the whole therefore I cannot discover that the Petitioner has any solid Foundation for the Support of his Complaint —

I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>

J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dwight Foster Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chairman of the Committee  
of Claims



The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir,

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the  
Treasurer of the Mint for three Thousand Dollars for the ordinary  
Expences of the Institution. I have the honor to be with respect  
Sir, Your M<sup>ost</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the United States, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Dear Sir,

Be pleased to issue a Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of  
the Mint for 2500 Dollars being the Amount of the Salaries due to the  
Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending this Day, agreeably to  
the following Statement

Viz.

|       |    |         |        |
|-------|----|---------|--------|
| E. B. | D. | \$ 2000 | \$ 500 |
| B. R. | T. | 1200    | 300    |
| H. V. | C. | 1500    | 375    |
| J. R. | A. | 1500    | 375    |
| J. C. | M. | 1500    | 375    |
| R. S. | E. | 1200    | 300    |
| N. T. | C. | 700     | 175    |
| J. H. | C. | 500     | 125    |
| L. S. | C. | 500     | 125    |
|       |    | Dollars | 2,050  |

With Sentiments of the most perfect Consideration, I  
have the Honor to be

Dear Sir

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>  
& M<sup>ost</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

The Secretary of the Treasury  
of the United States

Mint of the United States July 25<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of  
the Mint for Two Thousand two Hundred and fifty Dollars & thirty three  
Cents to cover a wastage in melting & refining, and coining of Gold &  
Silver from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of June last inclusive.

I have the Honor to be

Sir, Your M<sup>ost</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

New York Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Comptroller  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Last Night on my Return from Long Island, I was honored  
by your Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ultimo - In Answer to which it is only necessary  
to inform you that the Allowance for wastage was made the Duty of the  
Director of the Mint. When the Administration of the Mint was  
committed to my care, I found that the Act of Bullion had never  
been settled, and of course no Establishment of any Precedent for the  
Allowance of Wastage - it therefore fell upon me to form some es-  
tablished Rule. I made every Enquiry in my Power of the silver  
Smiths in the City, and then made actual Experiments without  
letting the Workmen know my Design. On the whole I found one  
Grain in an ounce to each Office (the Melters & Coiners) was the  
best Rule to do justice to both Parties, altho' the Officers grumbled at  
the small Allowance, but I found with proper care they would be  
indemnified. This Allowance is now made on every ounce of  
standard Silver coined by them, and as every Piece passes through  
upwards of Hands before it is finished, it requires very great Cir-  
cumsppection to keep within the Allowance.

As to the Act of 27<sup>th</sup> May 1796. It is the Practice under  
that Act, to charge the whole Expence of melting & refining all Bullion  
under Standard, to the Depositor, because the Officers should receive all  
Bullion of the proper Standard, which is practiced in all the Mints  
of Europe, it being a distinct Profession to refine & separate Metals  
not generally performed in the Mints.



If course the Public have Credit for either 5 or 12 Cts of the for all Bullion refined in the Mint according to the Assays, which is paid by the Depositor.

On my Way Home I mean to call on you, and give any other Information in my Power.

Yours &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.

Jr. Steele Esq.

The Secretary  
of Treasury Sir

Mint of the U.S. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Please to give your Warrant in favour of Benj. Rush Treas. of the Mint for 2650 Dols. being the amt. of the Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Period ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. last, agreeably to the following Statement. (Vide, Stat. p. 42.)

With due regard I remain

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servt.

(signed) Elias Boudinot, D.M.

The Secty  
of Treasury

Rose Hill, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Sir I have the Honor of enclosing an Estimate of the probable Expenses of the Mint of the United States for the Year 1799 agreeably to your Request of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> by the Register.

And am with much Respect

Sir,

Your very Obedt. Servt.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.

An

An Estimate of the Expenses of the Mint Establishment for the Year 1799.

Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Director         | \$2000-       |
| Treasurer        | 1200-         |
| Assayer          | 1500-         |
| C. Coiner        | 1500-         |
| Melter & Refiner | 1200-         |
| Engraver         | 700-          |
| 1 Clerk          | 500 ea        |
| 2 D <sup>s</sup> | 1000 - 10,600 |

Wages of Labourers

For the Wages of Persons employed at the different Branches of refining, melting, coining, carpenters, millwright & smith's work, including the sum of eight Hundred Dollars & Ann allowed to an Assistant Coiner & Die Forger, who also oversees the Execution of the Iron Work - 7000

Incidental & contingent Exp<sup>ts</sup>

|                                                                                                                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Repairs of Furnaces, cost of Rollers & Screws, Timber, Bar Iron &c for Blacksmiths, Millwrights & Machinery Work                        | 1500      |
| Lead, Steel, Potash, Vitriol, Ag. Fortis, Oil, Candles, Tallow, &c Variety of other articles necess <sup>y</sup> for Estab <sup>t</sup> | 1000      |
| Wood & Coals used in the Works                                                                                                          | 2000      |
| Melting Pots, Crucibles & Muffles                                                                                                       | 300       |
| Ironmongery                                                                                                                             | 200       |
| Hay & Corn for 5 Horses & probable Exp <sup>ts</sup> of one                                                                             | 700       |
| Stationary, fire Wood for the diff. Offices &c                                                                                          | 600       |
|                                                                                                                                         | \$23,900- |



Treasurer of the  
U.S. States.

Sir

Mint of the U.S. States 28<sup>th</sup> Decr 1798.

There are now in the Mint ready to be delivered to your  
Order, seven Basks & one Box of Cents, making up eleven Hun-  
dred & ten Dollars, which, shall be obliged, by your ordering them  
sent to the Bank, or elsewhere, as we are closing our Accounts  
for the Year.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect  
Sir,

Your very H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir

Mint of the United States Jan 2<sup>d</sup> 1799

Please to issue your Warrant in favour of Benj<sup>m</sup> Rush  
Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Mint for 4000 Dollars to defray the ordinary  
Expenses of the Establishment.

I am respectfully

Sir,

Your H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Secretary of  
State

Sir

Mint of the U.S. States 3<sup>d</sup> Jan 1799

I have the Honor of enclosing for the President  
of the U.S. States my annual Reports on the State of the Mint  
with the Abstracts referred to therein. With Sentiments  
of the greatest Respect & Esteem, I remain  
Sir,

Your H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> &  
H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

To the President of the U.S. States of America

The Director of the Mint thinks it his Duty to renew  
his annual Report on the Business committed to his Superintendence  
for the Information of Government.

With Pleasure he refers the President to the enclosed  
Returns of Issues of the several Species of Coin from the Mint since the  
1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1798 during which Time the Coinage has been stopped  
near three Months, occasioned by the late calamitous Fever, and the  
Decay of some of the Machinery. Yet by these Returns, it will appear  
that the Coinage of Gold amounts in value to 203,610 Dollars - that  
of Silver to 330,291 Dollars - and that of Copper to 9,797 Dollars -  
exceeding in value nearly double what has ever been coined at the Mint  
in any one preceding Year, and increases the whole Amount of the  
Coinage since the Commencement of the Business in Oct<sup>r</sup> 1794 to  
483,245 Dollars in Gold - 792,643<sup>100</sup> Dollars in Silver - and  
41,004<sup>100</sup> Dollars in Copper, amounting in the whole to 1,316,893<sup>100</sup>  
Dollars.

From Information the Director has rec<sup>d</sup> he has no doubt  
but there will be a full Supply of Silver Bullion for the ensuing Year  
at the present Establishment of the Mint, and the frequent Deposits of  
Gold gives him Encouragement to suppose a proportionate Supply of that  
precious Metal will be kept up. The present Arrangement with  
Regard to Copper Coin will enable the Director during the Course of next  
Summer to supply any Demand that is likely to be made for Cents,  
and at present there is a considerable Number on Hand.

The Director cannot with Propriety close this Report  
without mentioning that during the last Summer a Scheme  
was discovered for robbing the Mint, by Persons out of it, in Concert  
with one Person employed in the Mint, and altho the Offenders have  
been detected, prosecuted & punished, yet it fully justifies the Ob-  
servations heretofore offered to the President, on the unprotected  
State of the Mint, to which the Director begs Leave to refer.

All which is respectfully submitted to the President.

Mint of the U.S. States  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1799.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



The Secretary  
Treasury

Mint of the United States Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1799.

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the  
Treasurer of the Mint for 2672 Dollars and 93 Cents to cover the  
Wastage of refining & coining the precious Metals from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
1796 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1798 inclusive

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>  
Very Att<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot Dir<sup>r</sup>

The Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treasury  
of the United States

In compliance  
of letter rec<sup>d</sup> Jan 30.

The following Statements are referred to in pa 47.

A Statement of the Denomination & Value of gold  
Coins issued from the Mint of the United States from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup>  
to the 31<sup>st</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1798 inclusive

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 7974 Eagles               | \$ 79,740.        |
| 24,867 half Eagles        | 124,335           |
| 614 2 <sup>d</sup> Eagles | 1,535             |
|                           | <u>\$ 205,610</u> |

A Statement of the Denomination & Value of silver  
Coins issued from the Mint of the United States from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
1798 inclusive

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 327,536 Doll <sup>r</sup> | 327,536.           |
| 27,550 Dimes              | 2,755.             |
|                           | <u>\$ 330,291.</u> |

Copper coined at the Mint of the United States from  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1798 inclusive

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 979,700 Cents | \$ 979.7        |
|               | <u>\$ 979.7</u> |

Mint of the United States, March 15<sup>th</sup> 1799.

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir  
Please to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the  
Mint for 2000 Dollars to defray the ordinary Expenses of the Institution  
With much Respect. I remain  
Sir, Your Obed<sup>t</sup> & Att<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
(signed) Elias Boudinot Dir<sup>r</sup>

Mint of the United States April 1<sup>st</sup> 1799.

Ditto

Sir  
Please to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the  
Mint for two Thousand six Hundred & fifty Dollars, being the Am<sup>t</sup>  
of Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending  
the 31<sup>st</sup> Ultimo, agreeably to the following Statement. Viz. \*  
(signed) Elias Boudinot Dir<sup>r</sup>

Mint of the United States Ap. 29<sup>th</sup> 1799

Ditto

Sir  
Please to issue your Warrant in favour of Benj<sup>m</sup> Nash  
Treasurer of the Mint for the Sum of eight Thousand Dollars being  
wanted for the Purchase of Copper in Europe  
I am Sir, very respectfully  
Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
(signed) Elias Boudinot Dir<sup>r</sup>

Mint of the United States May 17<sup>th</sup> 1799.

Ditto

Sir  
Please to issue your Warrant in favour of Benj<sup>m</sup> Nash, Treasurer of the  
Mint for 3000 Dollars to defray the ordinary Expenditures of the Mint.  
I am Sir, respectfully  
Your Obed<sup>t</sup> & Att<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
(signed) Elias Boudinot Dir<sup>r</sup>

\* Vide pa 42.



James Cox Esq.  
Cashier of the Bank of Baltimore

Mint of the U.S. States  
Philad. Aug. 13. 1799.

Sir,

I have just rec<sup>d</sup> your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. If the Gold you speak of should prove equal to the standard of the U.S. you will receive the same weight in our Coin without any Deduction; but if less than our standard, a charge of 1/2 cts. per lb. will be made as a compensation for melting & refining. As all Deposits are paid according to their Priority it is uncertain as to the time when you might receive the returns - most probably it might exceed a Month - But upon allowing 1/2 p. c. discount you will be entitled to immediate payment.

I am Sir, respectfully  
Yours Mo. Ob<sup>d</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Elias Boudinot

The Comptroller  
of the Treasury.

Should have  
app<sup>d</sup> Jan 48.

Sir,

Mint of the U.S. States Jan<sup>y</sup> 21. 1799

Agreeably to your request, I have caused the Books of the Mint to be carefully examined relative to the Expensures & Coinage of Copper, & now have the honor to enclose you the result - I would premise that before my coming to the Mint, the Accounts of the Weight of the Copper purchased, was not in some Instances so accurately kept, as I have since thought necessary - In the whole you will find that the purchases & Issues are tolerably equal - The small Balance unaccounted for, having been absorbed by the necessary Wastage, the Alloy for the precious Metals, ever since the Institution of the Mint, being taken from the Clippings, & several Quantities used for castings for the Use of the Mint.

The profit on the Coinage since the present Arrangement by which the Clippings are saved, appears to be very considerable and encourages us to continue it in future.

I am with much Respect

Sir,

Yours Ob<sup>d</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Mint of the U.S. States 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1799.

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Please to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 1500 Dollars to defray the ordinary Expenses of the Establishment - with great Respect &c.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

P.S. Be so good as to forward the Warrant by the Post to the Treas<sup>r</sup> of the U.S. where it can be receipted for - This Money is wanted immediately as we expect to close the Mint in a few Days -

Philad<sup>a</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1799.

Register

Sir,

I have the Honor of enclosing an Estimate of the probable Expenses of the Mint of the U.S. for the Year 1800 agreeably to your Request of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> last, which is just the same as that sent for the present Year - and am with great Respect

Sir, &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot

For Estimate Vide p<sup>a</sup> 45.

Mint of the U.S. Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1799

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your Warrant in favour of Bory<sup>g</sup> Rush, Treasurer of the Mint for 4000 Dollars for the purchase of Copper -

I am &c.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Mint of the U.S. 2<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Please to issue your Warrant in favour the Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Mint for 3000 Dollars to defray the Expenses of the Mint - With great Respect

I am &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot



Hon. Mr. Bond

Dear Sir

Mint of the U.S. 2<sup>d</sup> Dec. 1799

I did not get your Letter till this Minute.  
I enclose you a post Note for 5,373 <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll. equal to 5,373 <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> at 55 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Cts. for which I must beg you will get me Bills to that Amt. drawn in favour of Matthew Boulton Esq. & return them by the first Post - You will be so good as to divide the Bills & send them by two different Posts.

I am Sir. &amp;c

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Secretary  
of StateMint of the U.S. Jan 7 3<sup>d</sup> 1800

Sir I have the Honor of enclosing for the President my annual Report on the State of the Mint, with the Statements therein referred to.

I am &amp;c

(signed) Elias Boudinot

To the President of the United States

President  
of U.S.

The Director of the Mint respectfully reports, that there has been coined & issued from the Mint, from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799 inclusive the quantity of 213,285 Dollars in gold Coins 423,515 Doll. in silver Coin & 3,116 <sup>68</sup>/<sub>100</sub> in copper Cents, amounting to 645,906 <sup>68</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll. or 1,365,681 Pieces of Coin, which added to the former Returns makes the whole of the Coinage since the Establishment of the Mint 696,530 Doll. in gold Coins 1,216,158 <sup>78</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll. in silver, & 50,111 <sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars in copper Cents making the Amount of the whole Coinage of the Mint 1,962,800 <sup>78</sup>/<sub>100</sub> all which will more fully appear by the enclosed Returns from

from the Treasurer of the Mint, as also that the Coinage of the last Year has exceeded that of any former Year by 100,208 <sup>78</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll.

It is almost needless to observe that the 51,000 Dollars in copper Coin required by the 2<sup>d</sup> Sect. of the Act of Congress passed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1792 being now completed, it becomes necessary for the Treasurer of the U.S. to comply with the Provision of the said Section by giving the public Notice therein mentioned.

The Mint has been regularly supplied with Bullion, both Gold & Silver, so as to keep it in constant Operation on the present Establishment, during the Year past, excepting two Months, in which the Works were totally stopped on account of the then prevailing Fever, and there is a rational Prospect, that the Supply will be continued for the present Year.

From the late Arrangements with regard to Supplies of Copper Plates for the Coinage of Cents, there is no doubt but that one Press equal to the coining of 14,000 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Day, may be kept in continual Operation.

It becomes necessary for the Director to draw the Attention of the President to the Act of Congress for establishing of the temporary & permanent Seat of the Government of the U.S. By the original Institution of the Mint, it was established at the Seat of Government - By the 6<sup>th</sup> Section of the Act of Congress above referred to, it is enacted that all Offices attached to the Seat of Government shall be removed to the permanent Seat of the Government of the U.S. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December next by their respective Holders - A Question has arisen under this Act, whether the Department of the Mint is included therein or not, if it is, without other Provision by Law the Mint must be removed with the other Departments agreeably to the Directions of that Act - and if it is not, many necessary Provisions must be made by Law, applicable to the Mint being

carried



carried on at a Distance from the Seat of Government -  
The doubtfull Consequences of a Removal must strike every  
Person acquainted with the Business of the Mint, as it is  
in a great Measure supported by the Bullion passing thro'  
the different Banks of this City, and for want of which it would  
frequently be without the Means of Coinage, while the Expense  
would be nearly the same to the Government. The Director  
therefore thinks it his Duty, respectfully to submit to the President  
the propriety of bringing the Subject before Congress in the early  
part of this Session - This Step is rendered more obviously necessary  
from the present State of the Machinery of the Mint - The  
Works ought to be kept in perfect Repair, unless they are soon  
to be removed, in which Case some parts not worth the Trans-  
portation to so great a Distance, might be suffered to remain  
as they are, or barely kept in such Repair as to answer for  
immediate Use -

The Director is sorry to observe that the Practice  
of melting down the Coin of the U.S. by Workmen in Gold  
& Silver, is, he fears becoming too common, to the manifest  
Loss of the U States - As there are not any Laws prohibit-  
ing it, every one is left to his own Discretion, which from  
the Certainty of the Standard becomes so great a Commission  
if not a pecuniary Advantage, as to render the prevalence  
of the Practice almost beyond a Doubt, if not prohibi-  
ted by Law -

All which is respectfully submitted to the  
President &

signed Elias Boudinot

President of the  
U States.

N<sup>o</sup> 1.  
A Statement of the Denomination & Value of gold Coins issued  
from the Mint of the U.S. from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799  
inclusive -

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 17,483 Eagles    | \$ 174,830.     |
| 7,451 1/2 Eagles | 37,255.         |
| 480 1/4 Eagles   | 1,200           |
|                  | <u>213,285.</u> |

Mint of the United States  
Treasurer's Office Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1800.  
(signed) Benj<sup>n</sup> Rush.

N<sup>o</sup> 2.  
A Statement of the Denomination & Value of silver  
Coins issued from the Mint of the U.S. from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
1799 inclusive -

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 423,515 Dollars | \$423,515 - |
|-----------------|-------------|

N<sup>o</sup> 3.  
A Statement of the Denomination & Value of copper  
Coined at the Mint from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799 inclusive

|                  |                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 904,585 Cents    | } * \$ 9,106 <sup>68</sup> / <sub>100</sub> |
| 12,167 1/2 Cents |                                             |

N<sup>o</sup> 4.  
I certify that there has been coined at the Mint from the  
Commencement of the Establishment to this Day as follows

|        |                                               |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Gold   | 696,530 -                                     |
| Silver | 1,216,158.75                                  |
| Copper | 50,111 - 42                                   |
|        | \$ 1,962,800 - <sup>12</sup> / <sub>100</sub> |

\* Two Thousand and seventy Dollars <sup>of the above</sup> remain on Hand  
of the Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Mint -  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1800



Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Mint of the U.S. Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1800  
Please to issue your Warrant in favour of the Treas.  
of the Mint for 3000 Doll. to defray the Expenses of the  
Mint

Yours &c.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sam Livermore

Mint of the U.S. Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1800

I have the honor of enclosing the Statement requested  
by your Letter of yesterday, and am very respectfully

Sir, Yours &c.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Chairman  
of Committee

The Director of the Mint in Compliance with  
the Wishes of the Committee to whom was referred the Message of the  
President relative to the Mint of the United States, signified by their  
Chairman, respectfully answers to

Question 1<sup>st</sup> What Provision will be requisite to be made by Law in case of  
the Mint being removed to the City of Washington?

That in his Opinion, as the Law now stands, the Mint must  
be removed on the first Monday in Dec<sup>r</sup> next to the City, in which case  
an Appropriation of Money to defray the necessary Expenses ought to  
be made. The President must be authorized to fix upon a proper  
Site for building the Mint, and to cause the Works to be erected there  
on, for which an Appropriation of at least 20,000<sup>Dollars</sup> ought to be made,  
in which is included the Expense of a Steam Engine to move the Machinery  
instead of Horses. It will be obvious at the first blush, that there will  
be a Propriety in beginning these Works as soon as possible, that no time  
may be lost after the Mint is removed. In this case there will be no  
Necessity for any Alteration in the present Laws relating to the  
Mint, further than there will be if the Seat of Government con-  
tinued in Philadelphia; but Provision should be made by  
Law

Law for disposing of the present Site & Buildings of the Mint when the Works are removed.  
Question 2<sup>d</sup> What Sums will be necessary to make the Repairs alluded to in the  
Report, in case the Mint is not removed?

The Estimate of the Expenses of the Year reported to the Treasury  
by the Secretary to Congress contains this Expense, and amounts to about  
1500 Dollars.

Question 3<sup>d</sup> What further arrangement will be requisite to be made by Law  
for the Prosecution of the Business of Coinage at Philad<sup>a</sup>?

In case the Mint is continued in this City & the Seat of Government  
is removed, it will be necessary  
1<sup>st</sup> To repeal so much of the Law passed July 16<sup>th</sup> 1790 for the Removal of  
the Seat of Government, as includes the Mint, and directing the same to  
be continued in the City of Philad<sup>a</sup>.

2<sup>d</sup> To change the Commissioners for the annual Inspection & Assay of the  
reserved Pieces of Coin.

3<sup>d</sup> To vest the Appointment of the Clerks & other inferior Officers absolutely  
in the Director.

4<sup>th</sup> To vest the temporary Appointment of the Officers of the different De-  
partments of the Mint, in case of Death, Resignation, or other Disability  
in the Director till an Appointment takes place by the President in  
the usual manner appointed by Law.

5<sup>th</sup> An Alteration in the payment of the Cents & half Cents when coined  
to the Treasurer of the U.S. which might be to the Bank of the U.S. to be carried  
to the Treasurer's Credit.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> What Quantity of Cents & half Cents were coined at the Mint  
previous to the Time when the standard wt. was reduced pursuant to the  
Act of March 1795?

The Approbation of the President to reducing Cents to 7 Dents  
was on the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1795, previous to which there were coined in the Mint  
1,066,033 Cents & 142,534 half cents, making 11,373 Dollars.

Question 5<sup>th</sup> What Measures have been taken relative to the Distri-  
bution of the copper Coin into different parts of the U.S.?

This being a Duty assigned by Law to the Treasurer of the  
U.S. the Director cannot answer it.

Feb 7 1800.



Elias Boudinot Director of the Mint of the U.S.

To all to whom these presents shall come.  
Know ye, that with the approbation of the President of the U. States, I have appointed George Ehrenzeller Book-keeper and Treasurers Clerk in the Mint of the U. States for & during the Pleasure of Director of the said Mint for the Time being, to do and perform all the Duties of Book-keeper & Clerk of the said Mint, agreeably to the Rules of the Mint, and the orders of the Director from time to time to be issued. And the said George Ehrenzeller is hereby authorized to receive the Salary allowed by Law to such Clerk, being now at the Rate of seven Hundred Dollars p<sup>a</sup> Ann.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & the Seal of the said Mint this eleventh day of Feb<sup>y</sup> in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred.

Countersigned (signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.  
Isaac Hough

Mr Harrison  
Auditor

Mint of the U.S. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1800.

Sir  
In Answer to your Request of the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant, I have to inform you that the copper coins issued from the Mint from the Commencement of the Establishment to the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1795 were at the Rate of 8 Dts & 16 Grains - since which Period they have uniformly been at 7 Dts ea Cent.

I likewise agreeably to request, transmit you herewith, a Copy of the Acc<sup>t</sup> of Copper purchased for Coinage, one Item of which (of Date Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1792) the Weight cannot be ascertained.

|                                                            |             |      |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------|----------------|
| Stock previous to Dec <sup>r</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> 1795 - | 11,373      | Doll | I am &c        |
| Since to - Dec <sup>r</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> 1799 -        | 38,738 - 42 |      |                |
|                                                            | 50,111 - 42 |      | Elias Boudinot |

Amount of Copper purchased.  
A Statement of Copper purchased for the Mint of the U.S. for Coinage since the Commencement of the Establishment to 31 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799.  
Weight 219,560 - 12      Value 61,143 <sup>34</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars

Mint of the U.S. March 31<sup>st</sup> 1800.

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir  
A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 3000 Dollars for the ordinary Expenses of the Mint - Likewise a Warrant for 2650 Doll. being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Period ending this Day, agreeably to the following Statement.

I am with great Respect

Sir

Your very Obedt <sup>Serv<sup>t</sup></sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Vide p<sup>a</sup> 42.

To the President of the U. States.

The Director of the Mint respectfully informs the President, that the Law authorizing the drawing Money from the Treasury (equal to the sum paid in, in copper Coinage) for the purchase of sheet Copper for coining, having expired by its own Limitation, a Bill passed the House of Representatives near two months since for reviving this Act, and was sent up to the Senate for Concurrence - This Bill not being reported to by the Senate, leaves the Director without Expectation of a Supply of Copper this Spring (in case the Opportunity by a Vessel that sails next Week is lost) and of course that the copper Coinage during the <sup>Summer</sup> will be prevented.

It is therefore in Justification of the Officers of the Mint, should such a Deficiency happen, the Director takes the Liberty of thus previously acquainting the President with the Cause of it.

The Director thinks proper to add, that there have been coined at the Mint since the first Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> last upwards of 1,500,000 Cents, equal to 15,000 Dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

March 27<sup>th</sup> 1800.



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Sheaf of the  
MintMint of the U.S. 24<sup>th</sup> April 1800.

The Treasurer of the Mint is directed immediately to try if he can purchase of some responsible House £2000 Sterl in Bills of Exchange, payable in 60 Days, so that they may be sent by a Vessel that will sail within two Days - The Bill being papered for appropriating the Money, it may be Tuesday or Wednesday next before the Money can be paid.

(signed) Elias Boudinot DirectDavid Stewart  
& Sons.Philad. 29<sup>th</sup> April 1800.Gent<sup>r</sup>

I am sorry to inform you that I have just rec<sup>d</sup> Advice from Mr Boulton of the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> last, that the Bill drawn by you on Messrs Brichwoods & Daniel of London dated Dec<sup>r</sup> 16. 1799 in favour of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas. G. Bond or Order for twelve Hundred & eighty one Pounds eleven shillings, & by him endorsed to Matthew Boulton or Order, was protested for Non-acceptance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> last.

The Fate of this Bill which was purchased of you by the Bond by my Order on Act of the Mint of the U.S. has put me to great Trouble, & I fear eventually to considerable Loss. If it should finally be protested for Non-payment, it will be attended with the Difficulty of preventing my coming into any Arrangements made by the rest of your Creditors, on Act of its being the Property of the U.S. It would give me great Pleasure, if in your Apprehension it will be protested for Non-payment, could any Measure be fallen upon to replace it, or otherwise to secure the Am<sup>t</sup> of what will be due to the Public, so as not unnecessarily to encrease your Embarrassments on this Act.

I am &amp;c

(signed) Elias Boudinot Direct

Messrs David Stewart &amp; Sons of Baltimore

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Mint of the U.S. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1800.The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Mint for 3500 Doll. for Wages of Labourers & the ordinary Expenses of the Mint - Likewise a Warrant for 2650 Doll. being the Amount of the Salaries which will be due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June next, agreeably to the following Statement -

With great Respect I am Sir,

(signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.For Statement see p<sup>a</sup> 42.

Mint of the U.S. 30. May 1800.

The President &  
Bank of the U.S.Gent<sup>r</sup>

Be pleased to advance to the Credit of the Treasurer of the Mint of the U.S. 10,000 Dollars in silver Coin agreeably to the Instructions of the Secty of the Treasury dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1797, and additional Instructions lately given.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.Mint of U.S. 18<sup>th</sup> July 1800.The President  
& of the Bank  
ofGent<sup>r</sup>

We have this Morning been making an assay of some <sup>new</sup> Spanish Doubloons of the Years 1796 & 97. and find that the Gold is worse than our standard by one Carret, and do not exceed in Value 82 Cents 6 Mills instead of 87 Cents - Altho this assay has been made but on two or three pieces, and therefore cannot be accurate, as if made from a large Number together, I thought it my Duty to inform the Banks of the Fact, as from their Appearance it is possible they may be a particular Manufacture for our Market, & thereby relative to a practice which I fear has had an Example in the U.S.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Gent<sup>r</sup> your very Hble<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.(signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.



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Gen. Hellingworth  
Attorney Baltimore

Sir

Mint of the U.S. July 29<sup>th</sup> 1800

By Direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, I enclose you a Copy of Bill & Protest rec<sup>d</sup> from London this Morning, the first of which for non acceptance. I rec<sup>d</sup> two Months ago - This Bill was purchased of David Stewart & Sons by Mr Bond on acct of the U.S. by my orders & remitted to pay for Copper purchased for the Mint -

I must beg that you will take the proper steps to secure this Money for the United States as soon as possible - I should be exceedingly sorry to give Mr Stewart any unnecessary distress on this occasion and would consent to any measure of compromise that as a public Officer could be required of me, but further I could not go - Whatever preference the U.S. may be entitled to, should not be lost -

The originals shall await your order -

I have the Honor &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot D.M.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury.

Sir

Mint of the U.S. Aug<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1800.

Having paid into the Treasury upwards of 20000 Doll. since Jan<sup>y</sup> last in Cents & half cents, and being obliged to make an immediate Remittance to keep up a supply of Copper for the Mint, be so good as to give your Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 8000 Doll. for the Purchase of Copper -

I have the Honor &c

Elias Boudinot D.M.

Ditto.

Sir

Mint of the U.S. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> 1800.

I wrote you on the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. requesting the sum of 8000 Doll. for the Purchase of Copper - As I have not rec<sup>d</sup> an answer, I fear the Letter has miscarried - Will you be so good as to let me know by a line -

I have the Honor &c

Elias Boudinot D.M.

P.S. As the Packet sails next Wednesday I might not to lose so good an opportunity -

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Mint of the U.S. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> 1800.

Gen. Hellingworth

Sir

I lately directed a Copy of a Bill & Protest ag<sup>t</sup> David Stewart & Sons belonging to the U.S. to be enclosed to you for Prosecution; but as I have not heard of the rec<sup>d</sup> of it, I fear the Letter has miscarried, will you be so good as to let me know by a line -

I am &c

Elias Boudinot D.M.

Mint of the U.S. Oct<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1800.

Gen. Hellingworth

Sir

I have the Honor of enclosing an Estimate of the probable Expenses of the Mint for the Year 1801 agreeably to your Request of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult. - With Respect to the Deficiencies of the present Year, it is impossible to ascertain them (if there should be any) untill the Close of the Year -

I am &c

Elias Boudinot D.M.

Vide p<sup>a</sup> 115.

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir

Mint of the U.S. Sept<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1800.

A Warrant is requested to be issued in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 4000 Doll. for Wages of Laborers & the ordinary Expenses of the Mint. Likewise a Warrant for 2650 Doll. being the amt<sup>t</sup> of the Salaries which will be due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint on the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst. - agreeably to the following Statement &c

I have the Honor &c

Elias Boudinot D.M.

As thought to have appeared on the opposite page -

Vide p<sup>a</sup> 112.



Comptroller of  
the Treasury

Sir

Mint of the U.S. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.

In answer to your favour of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. it is only necessary to inform you that the Clippings mentioned in the Treasurer's Acct. consisted chiefly of spoiled Planchets, by mistakes which cannot be avoided, and as we have no account opened in our Books to which this Loss could be transferred but that of Clippings, it is carried to that Acct., especially as they are all delivered to the Meltor & Refiner as Clippings. The Wasteage is occasioned by the Planchets being so much heavier than the standard Weight of the Coins, which cannot be avoided in so many Lots. Those we have now in hand are rather lighter & will of course go to make up that Loss. You must have mistaken the Account where the Purchase of Copper is charged, as we have not purchased any of the Assistant Coiner; it was from a Jacob Eckfeldt of this City. The Assistant Coiner's Name is Adam Eckfeldt.

I have the Hon<sup>r</sup> &c.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

P.S. Our Acct<sup>s</sup> have not been settled since Jan<sup>y</sup> - this would render it very inconvenient if any Mistake should be discovered as the Workmen are often leaving the Mint.

Mint of the U.S. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.Lieut. Hollings-  
worth Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Dear Sir

I have been expecting to hear from you respecting the protested Bill of David Stewart & Sons for £1251. 11 Sterling which was sent to you for recovery sometime last Summer. I am in hopes you have got the Business in some kind of Train, & request the favour of your informing me as soon as convenient of the probable Issue of this Affair.

I am &amp;c

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Mint of the U.S. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir

Sometime since I sold to the late Mr. Francis a Quantity of copper Clippings, which he directed to be delivered to a Mr. Parker, it being for the Use of one of the Frigates. When I demanded the Money, Mr. Francis refused Payment until he could receive it of Mr. Parker, and a Suit was likely to take Place, when it was prevented by his Death. Mr. Harrison his Executor has lately given me a Certificate of which I enclose a Copy. I wish to know whether I can get the Money of the Treasury in consequence of this Certificate towards the purchasing more Copper, or in what Manner it must be settled in the Books of the Mint.

With great Respect &amp;c

I am &amp;c

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the U.S. Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1800.

Ditto.

Sir

A Warrant is requested in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 2650 Doll. being the Amount of the Salaries which will be due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint the 31<sup>st</sup> of this Inst<sup>y</sup> agreeably to the following Statement.

I am &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

P.S.

The Director will be much obliged by the Secretary's acquainting him with the Amount of the Warrants issued by the Secretary in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint in consequence of the Director's Letter of 31<sup>st</sup> March 1800. as he suspects a trifling Mistake in the Entry in the Books of the Mint.

Statement. See pa 42.



To the President of the United States.

The Director of the Mint respectfully informs the President, that the enclosed Abstract of the Coin issued from the Mint of the U.S., & struck since the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last, shows the Amount to be 317,760 Doll. in gold Coins, 224,296 Doll. in silver Coins, & 29,279.40 Doll. in copper Cents & half Cents.

In the Information of Government, the Director thinks it expedient to enclose a Statement of the Expenses & Profits of the Mint for the year past, which from a Number of concurring Circumstances has been full as expensive as may hereafter be expected, extraordinary Supplies & Repairs excepted.

The Director has a peculiar Satisfaction in informing the President that there has been rec<sup>d</sup> from the test Bottoms & Ashes, accumulated before his Administration of the Mint 428, 2<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Doll. which repays so much of the 974 Doll. heretofore allowed by Congress as a Deficiency in the former Act of Bullion & that there is still a Quantity of Ashes remaining to be cleaned & refined.

The Cents issued from the Mint, amounting now to the Sum of 79,390.40 Doll. the Proclamation required by Law might be issued, by which all other copper coin will be put out of Circulation.

The late Act of Congress, directing the Mint to remain at the City of Philad<sup>a</sup> will expire in March next, some further legal provision will be necessary for its continuance here, or Removal to the Seat of Government, at all Events it will be necessary to provide some other Mode of assaying the reserved Pieces set apart by Direction of the Act of Congress of the 2<sup>d</sup> April 1792, and required by that Act to be done once in every year, under the Inspection of the Chief Justice, the Secretary & Comptroller of the Treasury, the Secretary for the Department of State, & the Attorney General, who are required to attend at the Mint for that Purpose. As it will be impracticable for these Officers to leave the Seat of Government, to comply with this Part of the Law, and the year will expire on the second Monday in Feb<sup>y</sup> next, the Director respectfully submits to the President the Propriety of recommending to Congress the Necessity of a previous Revision by Law to prevent a Non-compliance with a positive injunction of an Act of Congress.

The great Rise in the Price of Copper in Great Britain, has prevented a large Importation, & of course a large Am<sup>t</sup> of Cents from the Mint, as would otherwise have been done, the Public being now tolerably well supplied with that species of small Change.

The Director thinks it his Duty to inform the President that having

having had Occasion during the past Year to have accurate Assays made of Spanish milled Doubloons, it was found that their real Value compared with the Standard of the U.S. was rather less than 85 Cts the Do<sup>r</sup>, whereas by the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1793 they are made a legal Tender at about 87 Cts the Do<sup>r</sup>, or in the Language of the Act, at the Rate of 100 Cts for every 27 Grs & 3<sup>4</sup> of a Gr. of the actual 10<sup>th</sup> thereof which makes a Loss on the part of the Citizens of the U.S. of 27<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> the Do<sup>r</sup> on 1000 Do<sup>r</sup>s. The official Certificate of the Assayer is enclosed with this Report.

All which is respectfully submitted to the President  
 Signed Elias Boudinot D.M.  
 Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1801.

An Abstract of the Coins struck at the Mint of the U.S. from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.

|                                                                                                                                    |                      | Gold     |             |            |             | Total         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | Eagles   | half Eagles | Dollars    | Cts         |               |
| Gold                                                                                                                               | Quarter ending March |          | 430         | 2150       |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | June                 | 2537     |             | 23370      |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | Sept                 | 11,029   | 8955        | 159,065    |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | Dec <sup>r</sup>     | 5499     | 2237        | 71,175     |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | 25965    | 11,622      |            |             | 317,760       |
| Total Amount of Gold Coins                                                                                                         |                      |          |             |            |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | Silver   |             |            |             | Total         |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | Dollars  | Dimes       | half Dimes | Dollars Cts |               |
| Silver                                                                                                                             | March                | 90,700   | 21,760      | 24,000     | 99,070      |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | June                 | 32,570   |             |            | 32,570      |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | Sept                 | 57,000   |             |            | 57,000      |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | Dec <sup>r</sup>     | 40,650   |             |            | 40,650      |               |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | 220,920  | 21,760      | 24,000     |             | 224,296       |
| Total Amount of Silver Coins                                                                                                       |                      |          |             |            |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | Copper   |             |            |             | Total         |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | Cents    | half Cents  | Dollars    | Cts         |               |
| Copper                                                                                                                             | March                | 156,000  |             | 15,600     |             |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | June                 | 307,742  | 20,978      | 3,182      | 31          |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | Sept                 | 908,433  | 24,000      | 9,604      | 33          |               |
|                                                                                                                                    | Dec <sup>r</sup>     |          | 16,552      | 832        | 76          |               |
|                                                                                                                                    |                      | 2822,175 | 211,530     |            |             | 29,279 40     |
| Total Amount of Copper Coins                                                                                                       |                      |          |             |            |             |               |
| Total Amount of Coins issued by the Mint from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 1800 inclusive |                      |          |             |            |             | \$ 571,335 40 |

The Director



The Directors Report of 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800. certifies the amt<sup>t</sup> of copper Coins issued from the Mint from the Establishment of said Institution to said Time . . . . . 50,111.42

Add Copper coined in the Year 1800 . . . . . 29,279.40

Total of Copper coined at the Mint from the Establishment of same to Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800. . . . . \$ 79,390.82

Mint of the U.S. States, Treas<sup>r</sup> Office, 31 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.  
for Benj<sup>n</sup> Rush, Geo. Ehrenzeller

An Abstract of the Expenditures of the Mint of the U.S. States from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800. inclusive

|                            | Salaries of Officers | Wages of Laborers | Incidental Exp <sup>s</sup> | Total    |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Ending March 1800.         | 2,650                | 2,103.37          | 156.26                      | 5,209.63 |
| June . . . .               | 2,650                | 1,824.64          | 116.13                      | 4,980.77 |
| Sept. . . . .              | 2,650                | 1,426.14          | 518.15                      | 5,094.29 |
| Dec <sup>r</sup> . . . . . | 2,650                | 1,785.90          | 1,265.70                    | 5,701.60 |
|                            | 10,600               | 7,700.            | 5,2686.24                   |          |

Total amt<sup>t</sup> of Expenditures of the Mint for the Year 1800. . . . . \$ 20,986.29

Mint of the U.S. States, Treas<sup>r</sup> Office 31 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.  
for Benj<sup>n</sup> Rush, Geo. Ehrenzeller

A Statement of the Gain on Copper coined at the Mint of the United States from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800. inclusive

|        |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2,922  | 41. | Balance remaining uncoined on the 31 Dec <sup>r</sup> 1799 being part of the Invoice entered 18 July 1799. amounting to \$ 9,318.21 on which there was a Profit of \$ 2,213.42. This sum will bear a proportion of Profit amounting to . . . . . 694 21 |
| 15,946 | 66  | Amount of Invoice entered 31 Dec <sup>r</sup> 1799. on which there was a Profit as stated in the Ac <sup>t</sup> of the Mint . . . . . 3,139 11                                                                                                         |
| 125    | -   | Am <sup>t</sup> purchased of Jacob Eckfeldt as entered 6 June 1800 on which was a Profit as appears by the Ac <sup>t</sup> of the Mint . . . . . 41 67                                                                                                  |
| 10,285 | 33  | Am <sup>t</sup> of Invoice entered 8 July 1800 on which there was a Profit as by the Treasurer's Ac <sup>t</sup> . . . . . 1,087 29                                                                                                                     |
|        |     | Am <sup>t</sup> gained in 10 <sup>th</sup> of last Invoice as entered 16 Dec <sup>r</sup> 1800. . . . . 173.42.5                                                                                                                                        |
|        |     | Deduct Allowance made the 6 <sup>th</sup> of June for Wastage } . . . . . 85.2                                                                                                                                                                          |
|        |     | on Copper as entered 19 June 1800. . . . . }                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 29,279 | 40  | Am <sup>t</sup> of Copper coined in the Year 1800. . . . . \$ 5,050 68 5                                                                                                                                                                                |
|        |     | Am <sup>t</sup> of Profit on coining the above Quantity . . . . . 311 57                                                                                                                                                                                |

Retained on Deposits below Hand<sup>s</sup> for refining for the Year 1800 . . . . . 311 57

Mint of the U.S. States 31 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1800.  
for Benj<sup>n</sup> Rush, Geo. Ehrenzeller

At the Request of the Director of the Mint, I do hereby Certify that on carefully assaying a Number of Spanish milled Doubloons of different Dates & Complexions, I found their Degree of Fineness corresponded with each other to great Exactness; but that their real Value in proportion to Gold Coins of the U.S. States was no more than 24 Grs &  $\frac{424}{500}$  parts of a Cent for one Ducat; or 28 Grs &  $\frac{24236}{34348}$  parts of a Gr. to one Dollar

(signed) Joseph Richardson Assayer  
of the Mint of the U.S. States.



President  
& Directors  
of the Bank  
U.S.

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Mint of the U.S. Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1801.

Be pleased to advance to the Credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. 10,000 Dollars in silver coin agreeably to the Instructions of the Secy of the Treasury dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1797 & additional Instructions lately given.

With great Respect I am

Gent<sup>l</sup> Your very Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot, D.M.

Adulon  
Hollingsworth

Dear Sir,

Mint of the U.S. 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1801.

I have rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> & now enclose you David Stewart & Son Aft<sup>s</sup> dated Baltimore 16<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799 at 90 days sight on Drichmond and Daniel London, in favour of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph G. J. Bond for \$1251.11.00 and Post accompanying the same.

I am with Respect

Your most Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot,

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Thos. Pinckney Esq<sup>r</sup>

Dear Sir,

Philad<sup>a</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1801.

I have just rec<sup>d</sup> your favour of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> covering your account with a Number of Vouchers against the Mint, the latter of which I return herewith. It would have been impossible for me to have settled this acct had it been due, without a special Appropriation by Congress, as I cannot pay any thing that is not certified to have been received for the use of the Mint by some one Officer of it - and as none of the present Officers can now do so - and this being a special Agreement, or Order of the Secretary of State, it can only be settled by the Treasury. However, on looking over the old acct<sup>s</sup> of the Mint, I find it all settled regularly in its proper time. By an Order it appears that on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1794, the Secretary of State ordered the Treasurer of the U.S. to be credited in the Books of the Mint with 10,000 Dollars remitted to you, and you to be charged with it. This was done on the same day, and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the same Month, you are credited among other things, with the Money paid to Cox, and there is a Balance due from you of 2209.200. Dollars which was credited to the U.S. on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1794. Thus it seems all is settled

with the U.S. on the part of the Mint, and therefore the Treasury ought certainly to settle with you. I also find that on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1798, Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Payard is made D<sup>r</sup> in the Books of the Mint to you for Cash rec<sup>d</sup> of you in 1797, being the Balance then remaining in your Hands on acct<sup>s</sup> of Monies remitted you for the Purchase of Copper 8,700. Dollars with which you are also credited. On the same date you are debited for 222 Dollars credited you acct<sup>s</sup> on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1794, being Cash advanced by you to Abner Cox, which you acknowledged by Letter to have been settled in your contingent acct<sup>s</sup> with the Secretary of State to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1793. You will also find a Credit in the acct<sup>s</sup> of the Mint on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1798, and I suspect the whole has been settled with the Secretary of State in his contingent Expenses.

I think by these Dates you will be able to show that the Mint has given Credit to the U.S. for the Balance due from you, and therefore the Treasury must certainly settle it with you.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Dear Sir

Your Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot, D.M.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thos. Pinckney Esq<sup>r</sup>

P.S. All the Vouchers are filed in the Treasury with our acct<sup>s</sup>. We are greatly at a loss to know what to do with our reserved gold & silver coin, as next Monday is the day for the Commissioners to meet to assay them, and we do not hear that Congress is making any Provision for it. The Secretaries of State & Treasury, nor the Comptroller or Chief Justice, can possibly attend. The Depositors will not be satisfied to be kept out of their Money thus locked up.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Mint of the United States  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1801.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the mint for four thousand Dollars for the incidental and contingent expenses & repairs of the mint.

I am

Sir, Your &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot

The Secretary of the  
Treasury



The Secretary  
of the

Treasury Sir,

A warrant is requested in favor of the treasurer of the treasury mint for two thousand six hundred & fifty dollars, being the amount of the Salaries, which will be due to the Officers & Clerks of the mint on the 31<sup>st</sup> of this instant, agreeably to the following statement—  
see fol. 42.

Mint of the United States  
25<sup>th</sup> March 1801.

I am Sir

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

P.S.

I shall be much obliged to you if you will also send me a copy of the law respecting the mint, which was passed at last session as I have not received same.

Mint of the United States  
6 April 1801.The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo requesting a warrant for the Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the mint, as I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since that time and the money being much wanted. I now enclose you copy of my letter of that date, lest the original may not have come to hand & must repeat my request of your favoring me with a copy of the law respecting the mint. I am Sir

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 1801.

Sir,

The great scarcity of Copper in Europe has greatly disappointed us in the striking of cents thro' the past winter. During which the press for copper has been totally idle. Yesterday I received a letter from my correspondent, dated so long ago as 21<sup>st</sup> January last, with the agreeable news that he had procured between 20 & 30 Tons of Planchets to be sent out in the first spring vessel, and urges me to make him an immediate remittance, as he pays interest, & of course charges it, after 4 Months Credit. This makes it necessary for me to request your warrant for the money necessary for this purpose. It is a very advantageous time to purchase Bills, as they are now to be had at 55 to 54<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and the last cost me 72.

I am intitled by law to draw from the treasury — 13000  
being so much I have paid into the treasury in cents more than I have drawn out.

The late Mr Francis purchased of the Mint, shippings for the use of the frigates, and for which his executors have given credit to the U.S. as per certificate herewith to amount of 1811

Dollars 14811

17000

The smallest sum that will answer, is —

This surplus must be loaned to the mint. 2,189  
till I can strike so many cents, which will not be longer than 5 or 6 weeks.

If a larger sum, say 8,500 Dollar could be spared, it would be a great saving to the government, to make the whole remittance, which will amount to £6000 Sterling, while bills are so low, but I can do with the sum of 17,000 till the month of June, by which time I shall pay in cents sufficient to discharge the whole.

I shall be much obliged, by your warrant as speedily as possible, lest Exchange should rise.

I have the honor to be with great respect  
Sir

Your obed<sup>t</sup> & very Hbl Servant.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



74.  
Honourable  
Richard Peters  
Esq.

General Heyland

Alexander  
J. Dallas Esq.

Mint of the United States  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 1801

Please to take notice that a meeting of the Commissioners for assaying the coin of the past year, of whom by law you are one, will meet at the mint on Monday morning next at 10 o'clock to proceed in the execution of that trust.

I am, Sir, with great respect  
Your very Obedt. Servant.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

General  
William Irvine

Mint of the United States  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1801.

Sir,

In answer to your favour of yesterday, I must inform you that each officer of the Mint has the duties of his office specially designated, which he must regularly perform; whatever other business may call his attention, and his contract is to do this business for his Salary, which is regulated by it. If therefore either of the officers undertake these medals, he must do them in the course of the business of the Mint, at noon & at night, as I could not admit of any business to be done by them, that would prevent a constant supply of coin for the Mint. In every instance that they have been employed by the Secretary of the Treasury, he has paid them for their labour by special contract. They can execute the work cheaper than any other workmen, because they have the use of the implements & tools belonging to the public.

I am very respectfully  
Sir  
Your Obedt. humble Servant.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1801.

The  
Secretary of  
the  
Treasury.

Dear Sir,

I had the honor of receiving yours of 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and am pleased to hear, you have directed a warrant to issue in favor of the Treasurer of the mint for 17,000 Dols for the purchase of Copper. My statement sent you was done in a hurry and

and in round numbers; but I now find that from the Copper Coins paid into the Treasury (by mistake) I deducted the actual cost thereof and not the amount of warrants issued by the Treasury for the purchase of Copper, and in that statement I included Copper coined in 1798: your statement only begins at 1799; you credit the mint with Dols. 9,386. 68. — I do not find more than 8,146. 68 Dols paid in that year — nor do you charge the mint with two warrants for Copper had in that year, amounting to 12,000 Dols. You only credit 27,531. 64 Dols paid in 1800; but there was 31,349. 40 paid in that year, which may arise from the Treasurer of the United States not having made all his returns to you. For further particulars I refer to the statement at foot, which is more accurately taken from our books, by which it appears there is a balance of 18,849. 75 due the Treasurer of the mint for Copper paid in the Treasury of the United States, which is more than I had supposed.

I am with great respect &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot Direct. M.

Copper Coins paid into the Treasury of the United States

|      |                |       |
|------|----------------|-------|
| 1798 | March — 1,480  |       |
|      | August — 4,392 |       |
|      | Decr — 2,815   | 8,687 |

|      |                 |            |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 1799 | March — 3,700   |            |
|      | June — 143.18.5 |            |
|      | Novr — 1,843.50 |            |
|      | Decemb — 2460.  | 8,146.68.5 |

|      |                  |             |
|------|------------------|-------------|
| 1800 | March — 17730    |             |
|      | June — 3182.31   |             |
|      | Septbr — 9604.33 |             |
|      | Decemb — 832.76. | 31,349.40.  |
|      |                  | 48183.08.5. |

Deduct the following warrants received from the Treasury for the purchase of Copper

|                              |          |            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 1799     | 8,000.   |            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Novemb. "    | 4,000    | 12,000.    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> April 1800. | 9,333.33 |            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Augt —      | 8,000    | 17,333.33  |
|                              |          | 29,333.33. |

Balance due the Treasurer of the mint Dols. 18,849.75. 5.



76  
The President  
of the  
U.S. States.

Dear Sir,

Mint of the United States  
16th June 1801.

I duly received a letter, without any signature, by a Mr. Leslie relative to a plan he proposed of striking coin, by means of the double cylinder. — He assured me that he received this letter from the President of the U.S. States, and that the omission of this signature was by mere accident; this led me to pay the strictest attention to its contents. —

On Mr. Leslie's first explanation of his design to me, a number of serious difficulties struck me, but not willing to trust my own judgment, and desirous of giving him the best opportunity of supporting his scheme, I have had a meeting with him at the Mint, in presence of the professional workmen. On the best investigation I could make, I found that the objections which arose in my mind were not new. — This plan was attempted to be carried into execution in several parts of Germany, but on experiment was given up. — Our present mode of striking, is much less expensive, and performs the business full as fast, as is necessary for our wants. — I have so calculated the establishment, as to answer the supplies of the precious metals in the year. — I could with a small additional expence strike three times as much as we now do, but then the hands would often be idle for weeks together, and the deposits would lay in an unproductive state, till a large quantity of the precious metals was collected together. The single process of striking the coin, is now one of the easiest of the twenty, thro' which every planchett passes, before it is completed. —

The impracticability of preserving the precise circle — the flat surface — the uniform thickness and the milling round the edge, added to the greater expence of engraving a cylinder (where the original Hubb could not be used, and of course the sameness of figure not preserved) would render this scheme not only very difficult, but very expensive. — For my own justification and your satisfaction, I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the chisellers report to me on the subject, that of the engraver being of the like import. Notwithstanding all this, as Mr. Leslie seems desirous that the

the experiment should be made, I have determined, if still approved by the President, to have a set of cylinders made and engraved, altho' it can not be done under \$50 Dollars. — Mr. Leslie has said, that he would rather defray part of the expence, than not make an attempt; but I presume this would not be allowed of. — I am conscious that the mint has been the subject of great complaint, particularly with regard to its expence. — This has certainly been without just cause, as every plan for reducing the expence to government, has been uniformly rejected by all parties, in various Committees of both Houses of Congress, on the policy that all the charge should be born by the Gov. and the depositors have every thing done without the least expence to them. It was among other things for this purpose, proposed, that instead of the depositor receiving in coin the full weight of his Gold or Silver with the addition of the weight of the alloy (found by the U.S. States) that it should be with the addition of two thirds of the alloy, by which means the expences of the mint, to the public, would be reduced one half, but this was rejected on the principal of public policy. Even any charge for necessary wastage was denied or provisioned that the Silver put into the alloy of Gold, should be paid for. — I have been waited on by Mr. Rich — and was much pleased with the samples of his work. — He has been liberated from his servitude by means of one of the officers of the mint, since which I have set him to work on a particular medal, to be ascertained of his abilities. — I am obliged to use great precaution, in regard to employing him in the mint, before I can have good evidence of the integrity of his character. —

I have the honor to be with every sentiment of respect

Dear Sir

Your very obed. & very hble Servant.

Nichas Boudinot



16.  
The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Dear Sir,

Mint of the United States  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1801.

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 2,643 dollars, 8 Cents, being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the quarter ending the thirtieth instant, agreeable to the following statement: see fol. 42.

Dollars 2,650  
Deduct remaining unexpended of former Warrant — 8 - 94  
2,643. 8

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration, I have the honor to be

Dear Sir,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble servant.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Seaborn Hollingsworth  
Esq.  
Attorney at Law

Dear Sir, It is a long time that I have not heard any thing from you respecting the protested Dft of David Stewart & Sons which was put into your hands for recovery - be pleased to let me know whether you have received any thing on this account, as I hear they have lately declared a dividend among the other creditors -

I am respectfully  
Sir, &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1801.

Sir Be pleased to issue your warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for Four Thousand Dollars for the incidental & contingent expenses of the mint.

I am Sir, &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Secretary of the  
Treasury - Washington

Mint of the United States  
July 24<sup>th</sup> 1801.

Sir,

I have yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> and advise (in case you think it will not injure the judgement against Stewart & sons) to receive the amount of the dividend which they have declared and forward same to the Bank of the United States for my account or to get credit in the Branch Bank in favor of the Cashier of the Bank U. States who will then pay the amount here.

I am &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the U. States  
Philadelphia 18<sup>th</sup> August 1801.

Sir,

I have to request your attention to the settlement of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mint, which have been regularly forwarded to the Auditor's Office every quarter; yet we have had no account of them having passed later than to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June last year, which is now more than twelve months. It must be obvious that if accounts are suffered to lay over so long, that if any errors should be discovered in them it will be difficult to have them rectified. - You will much oblige me by having them examined as soon as possible & by giving advice thereof to the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Sir &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the U. States September  
22<sup>d</sup> 1801.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 2,650 Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the thirtieth instant agreeable to the following Statement: see fol. 42.

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honour to be

Sir,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



Yebulon  
Hollingsworth  
Baltimore.

Dear Sir,

Philadelphia 10<sup>th</sup> October 1801.

The above is copy of my letter of 24 July last since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you. I will thank you for an answer thereto as soon as convenient, as the Mint is now in want of the money to pay for a fresh supply of Copper.

I am Sir, yours etc  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honble  
Albert Gallatin  
Esq.  
Secretary of  
the  
Treasury

Sir,

Mint of the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Novemb  
1801.

Having been much disappointed in the importation of Copper the last winter and spring, I have with great difficulty obtained two parcels by late vessels amounting to near 50 Tons. I obtained this from England on a credit of four months and then to pay interest. By the late issue of Cents to the Treasurer of the U.S. I am entitled to draw from the Treasury a trifle above Ten thousand Dollars, but shall want Sixteen thousand to discharge the whole balance due. Perhaps I could make out with about Fourteen thousand, by which I should prevent the accumulation of interest. Will you be so kind as to issue your warrant to the Treasurer of the United States in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for Ten thousand Dollars at all events. If you can lend the Mint Four thousand more, I am confident I can repay it in Cents within eight or nine weeks. By this means I shall save so much interest to the U.S. preserve our credit, and take advantage of the present state of exchange, which will probably rise during the winter. This supply of Copper will keep us employed all winter. The sailing of the fall vessels makes it necessary that the remittance should be made without delay.

I am, Sir, &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.  
P.S. Inclosed a copy of the receipt for the Cents issued.

# An Estimate of the Expenses of the Mint- Establishment for the year 1802.

## Salaries of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint.

|                    |            |         |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Director           | \$2,000    |         |
| Treasurer          | 1,200      |         |
| Assayer            | 1,500      |         |
| Chief Coiner       | 1,500      |         |
| Melter and Refiner | 1,500      |         |
| Engraver           | 1,200      |         |
| Clerk              | 700        |         |
| 2 Ditto            | \$500 each | 1,000   |
|                    |            | 10,600. |

## Wages of Labourers.

For the wages of persons employed at the different branches of refining, melting, coining, carpenter, millwright and smiths work, including the sum of Eight hundred Dollars per annum allowed to an Assistant Coiner & Die Forger, who also oversees the execution of the Iron work. 7,000

## Incidental & contingent Expenses.

|                                                                                                                               |       |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Repairs of Furnaces, cost of Rollers & Screws, Timber Bar iron &c for blacksmiths, Millwrights and Machinery work             | 1,000 |        |
| Lead, Steel, Potash, Vitriol, Aqua fortis, Oil, Candles, Tallow & a variety of other articles necessary for the Establishment | 500   |        |
| Wood & Coals used in the works                                                                                                | 1,000 |        |
| Melting Pots, Crucibles & Muffles                                                                                             | 200   |        |
| Ironmongery                                                                                                                   | 200   |        |
| Hays & Corn for five horses & probable expense of one Stationary, firewood for the different Officers & Clerks                | 400   | 21,500 |

Mint of the U.S. 23 Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1801.

Sir, I have the honor of enclosing an Estimate of the probable expenses of the Mint of the U.S. for the year 1802, agreeably to your request of October 9<sup>th</sup> by the Register, and am with much respect,

your very humble servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



The Secretary  
of  
the Treasury

Sir,

Since my last, I have paid into the Bank of the United States on Account of the Treasurer of the United States 3019.13 Dollars in Cents and Mr. Harrison, Executor of the late M<sup>r</sup> French Francis, informs me that he has credited the United States with the sum of 1311.93 in his Account sent to the Treasury for Copper purchased of the Mint & delivered to Samuel Parker for the use of the Frigate. — a Copy of his Certificate was some time since sent by me to the Treasury. — These several sums enable me to ask your warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for Four thousand eight hundred & thirty Dollars & twenty six Cents on Account of the purchase of Copper. — This money is absolutely necessary to make an immediate remittance to save our Credit, especially as there will still be due upwards of 3000 Dollars, which it will take <sup>several</sup> weeks to accomplish in Cents. —

I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your late polite answer to my letter, by which I am much obliged.

I am Sir &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

P.S.  
Enclosed is a copy of the receipts of the Cashier of the Bank.

Mint of the United States  
8th December 1801.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 2630 Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the thirtieth first instant agreeable to the following Statement: *see page 42.*

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honour to be

Sir,  
your most obed<sup>t</sup> & humble servant.

(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

Mint of the United States  
29th December 1801.

The Secretary  
of  
the Treasury

Sir,

Your favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> is now before me and I am sorry, that you could not with propriety furnish the warrant requested for the Mint, as our credit must suffer, and the difficulty of obtaining Copper from Europe requires that we should support that credit. — The difficulties that have arisen, in obtaining money from the Treasury for a long time past on account of Cents, have almost tempted me not to purchase any Copper but in this Country. — It has arisen from the bad arrangement in the Treasurer's department with regard to receiving the Cents when coined. — Often we are weeks together not able to get any body to receive and receipt for them on the Treasurer's Account. — I am ordered by law to pay them to the Treasurer as fast as coined. — It is on this fund a constant supply of Copper depends. — As on looking into the Accounts at the Bank, I find the Treasurer is credited regularly in his Cheque book by Dr. Rush 3019 Dollars and a copy of the Teller's receipt was enclosed in my last. — I know not by what communication the Treasurer is to be made acquainted with the State of his Accounts at the Bank. — It is now near five years since the late M<sup>r</sup> Francis received the Copper Clippings. — The enclosed Certificate will show, that the price has been carried to the Credit of the United States by his Executor. — It is a pity that the department of the Mint should suffer for want of the public Accounts being regularly settled. — If we cannot command this money, there can be no Spring — Impertation, it being now nearly to late. — I enclose a fresh receipt from the Teller for 1719.24 Dollars in Cents received since my last, which makes the whole sum 5630 Dollars that a warrant is requested for.

I am respectfully Sir,  
your very humble and obedient servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

P.S.  
I also lately requested a warrant for the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint. As they cannot be paid, I beg you to be so good as to issue your warrant as soon as possible.



To the President of the United States.

The Director of the Mint respectfully reports to the President the amount of the Coins issued from the Mint of the United States from the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1800, to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1801 inclusive, as particularised in the following abstract.

Gold Coins

|                                            | Egls   | Half Egls | Dollrs  | cts | Totals  |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----|---------|
| Quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1801 | 3,558  | 8,522     | 78,190  |     |         |
| d <sup>o</sup> 30 June                     | 2,931  | 10,725    | 82,925  |     |         |
| d <sup>o</sup> 30 September                | 11,110 |           | 111,100 |     |         |
| d <sup>o</sup> 31 December                 | 11,635 | 5,739     | 150,215 |     |         |
|                                            | 29,234 | 25,006    |         |     | 422,570 |

Silver Coins

|                                            | Dollar  | Half Dollar | Quarter | Half Quarter | To 1 <sup>st</sup> | Cts    |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| Quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1801 | 34,405  | 9,250       | 10,700  | 35,137       |                    |        |
| d <sup>o</sup> 30 June                     | 8,500   |             |         | 8,500        |                    |        |
| d <sup>o</sup> 30 September                | 107,850 | 8,100       | 8,120   | 3,900        | 13,870             |        |
| d <sup>o</sup> 31 December                 | 752     | 22,129      | 17,250  | 13,850       | 14,245             |        |
|                                            | 54,454  | 30,289      | 34,040  | 33,910       |                    | 74,758 |

|                                                | Cents     | D <sup>rs</sup> | Cts   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| Quarter ending 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1801 | 505,000   |                 | 505   |
| d <sup>o</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> December       | 857,837   |                 | 857   |
|                                                | 1,362,837 |                 | 1,362 |

Total amount of Coins issued by the Mint from 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1801. Dollars 510,956 37.

The Director estimates it his duty to mention, that the greatest part of the Gold Bullions, was received in Ingots and Lumps imported from foreign Ports, which, had it not been for the Mint, would have been exported as remittances to Europe, but has now become an addition to the current Coin of the United States. It becomes necessary for the Director again to mention, that the amount of Cents issued from the Mint have long since exceeded the sum of 50,000, amounting now in the whole to 93,019 100 Dollars. The law requires that after the expiration of

of six calendar months from the time, when there shall have been paid into the Treasury by the Director in Cents and half Cents a sum not less than 50,000 Dollars, which time shall forthwith be announced by the Treasurer of the United States, in at least two New Papers published at the Seat of Government, no Copper Coin whatever, except the said Cents and half Cents, shall pass current in the United States. If this has been heretofore done, it has not come to the Directors knowledge.

All which is respectfully submitted to the President by his very obed<sup>t</sup> & humble Servant  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.  
1<sup>st</sup> January 1802.

Charles Hollingsworth Esq  
Baltimore

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> January 1802

Sir,  
Hoping that by this time you may have recovered some money from the Estate of David Stewart & sons on account of the protested bills sent you for that purpose. I request you will be so kind to forward same as soon as possible, as the funds are much wanted for the exigencies of the Mint, and in so doing you will oblige

Sir,  
Your most humble Servant  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> January 1802

The Secretary of the Treasury

Sir,  
I received your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, by which you advise having directed the sum of 4,738 78<sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Mint for the purchase of Copper, which sum has been received by him. Since which a further sum of Two thousand & ninety Dollars has been paid in Cents coined at the Mint, as per the enclosed receipts viz:

|                                                                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Israel Whelans receipt, per order of the Treas <sup>r</sup> of U.S. for | 1,480 |
| Joseph Roberts 1 Teller in Bank U.S. for                                | 810   |
|                                                                         | 2,090 |

You will therefore please direct a further sum of Two thousand & ninety dollars to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Mint, for the purchase of Copper and also Four thousand Dollars for account of the incidental & contingent expenses and repairs of the Mint. I am very respectfully

Sir, your obed<sup>t</sup> & humble Servant  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



P.S. If it was not too much trouble, I should be very glad to know by what means I can get M<sup>r</sup>. Francis's account for Copper Clippings settled, as it was by crediting the United States with the amount, that a suit I meant to bring against his Executors, was stopped. — For want of this money, the public have suffered, by our not being able to support our Credit with that punctuality we ought to have done. — If I must look to the Estate of M<sup>r</sup>. Francis, I will immediately commence a suit against the Executors, but would much rather have it amicably settled. (signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honorable  
the  
Secretary of  
the Treasury.

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 14<sup>th</sup> February 1802

Sir, I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo, advising of the warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for 2000 Dollars, which has been received and came just in time for the Packet.

I suspect thro' the hurry of business the request for a warrant for the Contingent Expenses of the Mint must have been forgotten. — Our workmen's wages but just support them and their families, and literally speaking they depend on their monthly pay for their daily bread. — The last month's wages was payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, and they are in real distress for subsistence. I must solicit in their behalf, that the warrant may be forwarded without delay. — There is more than sufficient unexpended of the last year's Appropriation, for present purposes.

I have the honour to be with great respect  
Sir, your very humble Servant.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honorable  
the  
Secretary of  
the Treasury.

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 19<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1802.

Sir, I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, advising you had directed the Treasurer of the United States to remit 4000 Dollars for the Expenses of the Mint, which has been received. — There is now again paid in the Bank of the United States Three thousand three hundred and eighty six, which you will see by the enclosed Receipt of the Teller. You will therefore please issue your warrant for that sum to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Mint for the purchase of Copper. — I have the honour to be respectfully  
Sir, your very humble Servant.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1802.

Sir, In answer to your letter which I had the honour of receiving by this days post, I must inform you, that having met with great difficulties, the two last years, in obtaining a full supply of Copper from various causes attending the means of Payment, I wrote to M<sup>r</sup>. Boulton early in the fall to send me out by the first Spring ships from 20 to 25 Tons of Planchets and to repeat it every spring and fall, promising to make my remittance during this winter for the next shipment. — There will be due to him on such Shipment about 12 or 15,000 Dollars, which I am striving to provide for by finishing the Cents as fast as possible. — This contract is obligatory on us and must be paid for, but I shall be able to prevent any further shipment at any time before the first of May, by which, I hope, we shall know the mind of the Legislature on the subject of the Mint. — We have near Twenty Tons of Planchets on hand and which will keep us employed during the winter, but the expected shipment will remain for the summer's work, if the Coinage of Copper is continued. — I shall therefore expect your warrant as requested, and shall push the finishing of Planchets on hand as fast as possible, to make good the residue of the payment.

As to importing the Cents complete from Europe, it can certainly be done for a trifling sum above the price of the Planchets say about £ 20 Sterling per Ton, did the policy of the Government admit of it. — of this I would not venture to determine the Legislature alone, being competent to that purpose. — I once stated it to a Committee of both Houses, but they determined, that it would be a dangerous measure, and would not hearken to it. — The importation of cents complete would not diminish the security of having good Copper, but it would hazard the running of a flood of cents, lighter than allowed by law, into the United States — and the difficulty of preventing the evil would be very great. It would be a greater security to Government to have the Coinage of Copper executed here by contract, which might be done without expence to the Union, provided Government would take the Cents. —

I have the honour to be with great respect  
Sir,  
your obedient humble Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



80  
The Honorable  
the  
Secretary of the  
Treasury.

Philad<sup>a</sup> 22 March 1802.  
I am honored with your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant and hasten to  
give you the best answer that I can, with regard to the real and personal Estate  
of the Mint Establishment &c &c  
This consists of

2 Lots on Seventh Street between Market and Arch  
Streets, 20 feet each on Seventh Street, and extending back about  
100 feet, with a dwelling house on the North Lot and a Shell of  
a house on the South Lot, which last Lot widens on the rear  
to about 60 feet, on which the stable stands. — These Lots pay  
a ground Rent of 27 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars per annum.

A Lot on Sugar Alley, at the rear of the above,  
20 feet front on the Alley and about 100 feet deep.

A frame building improved for a large Turnace, on  
the Commons at the North End of Sixth Street, of little value —  
the ground being merely loaned to us.

As to personal Estate, this consists wholly of

The Copper-planchets on hand, amounting to about 22 Tons

Three horses, good for little but for the use of the Mint.

The Machinery of the Mint, of no value but for the use of the  
Mint.

Five striking Presses with machinery.

Three cutting Presses.

One milling Machine

Five pair of Rollers great and small.

One drawing Machine.

Three pair of Smiths Bellows

A set of black Smiths Tools

A large number of Hubs & Dis on hand, of different  
denominations

Carpenters Tools

Seven Hoes

One Turning Lathe

Six Scale Beams, Scales and weights

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 22 March 1802.

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Two Sells. Appay scales and sundry adjusting Scales  
Furniture in the Clerks room

Various implements used in the several departments

About 2000 Bushells of Char coal

Engravers Tools. Bells. Bottles &c &c an old Horse cart &c &c

About 2000 fire Bricks — a considerable quantity of old Iron.

It is impossible to ascertain the value of these Articles, as most of them are of  
but little consequence except for the use of the Mint or to persons who may intend to put  
them to the like use — and if sold at public sale, probably will not bring half their  
real value. — The Machinery of the Mint, may last a year longer with some repairs, but  
after that, will cost about 250 Dollars to put them in good repair. — The  
Horses may also last a better year, but must then at farthest be replaced by others.

It should be thought but to continue the Mint, the Establishment  
should be ~~permanant~~ <sup>permanant</sup>, and the Machinery should be moved by Steam instead  
of horses, which would in some measure reduce the annual Expense of labor, as almost  
the whole of it could be carried on with the same original force. — Our Lots are

much too small, by which we are greatly cramped as to room. — They are now very  
valuable, being in the heart of the City — their price would purchase a very advan-  
tiguous Lot in a less public place, and buildings might be now planned, so as to  
reduce the Expenses of the Mint. — But I am perfectly satisfied, that no modifi-  
cation of the Mint could be contrived, to lessen them below 17 or 18,000 Dollars

per annum, tho' if a larger quantity of Bullion could by any means be provided,  
a greater quantity of Coin could be annually made with the same Expense, altho'  
I am, individually, of opinion, that its present issue of about 500,000 Dollars  
annually, in addition to the current coin of the Union, is sufficient for the  
present welfare of the United States.

It is the absolute necessity of strict  
and regular Cheque, thro' out the whole Establishment, that makes the Expense  
of the Mint so great, and this cannot be dispensed with, under any modification  
that can be proposed. — I verily believe, that under no given Circumstances, can  
the necessary Coin of the United States be produced with safety to the Government  
at a much less Expense, than it is at present, and I believe, that in the consider-  
ation of the subject, it would not be safe, to estimate the Expense at any rate, much  
under 20,000 Dollars. — In the above Estimation of Expenses it should be re-  
membered, that the Copper Cents may produce a profit of 5000 Dollars per annum, that  
ought to be credited against the Expenditure of the Mint in future which reduces  
the amount considerably. — I am, Sir, your humble Servant.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



88  
The Honorable  
the  
Secretary of the  
Treasury.

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1802.  
Be pleased to issue a warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint  
for 2,050 Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers, Clerks  
of the Mint for the Quarter ending the thirty first instant, agreeably to the follow-  
ing Statement. see page 42.

With Sentiments of the most perfect consideration, I have the honor  
to be

Sir,  
your most obed. humble Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 17<sup>th</sup> April 1802.  
To the President of the United States.

The Director of the Mint, being informed by the public News Papers,  
that a Bill has been brought into Congress for abolishing of the Mint, cannot,  
consistent with his duty, omit respectfully to represent the case of some of the  
Officers, and Clerks and Work men of the Mint, to the President.

The Salaries and Wages allowed in the Mint have not been increas-  
ed since the first Establishment of the Institution, notwithstanding the great  
rise in the prices of every necessary of life, for several years past. They have  
submitted to a bare subsistence without complaint, from the Idea, that their em-  
ployment was permanent, while they behaved well, and that Peace and adu-  
cious of food would give them an opportunity of making up former deficiencies. —  
Add to this, that their constant habits in the Mint, have made it difficult for  
them, at once, to return to their former occupations with advantage. — If the  
Mint should be abolished, it will be some time before they can get again into  
full employment and of course must suffer essentially, even as to their ne-  
cessary support. — The Director therefore submits their case to the hon-  
orable consideration of Government, and does not doubt, but some small provision will  
be made for them, in case of their entire dismissal from public service.

In this representation it is not meant to include the Director, Assayer or  
Treasurer, as neither of these depend on their Salaries for support. —  
All which is respectfully submitted to the President by  
his obedient humble Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,  
Mint, 29<sup>th</sup> April 1802.

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 29<sup>th</sup> April 1802.  
I herewith enclose four receipts for Cents paid by the Treasurer of the  
Mint, viz.  
1802. 5<sup>th</sup> March — Israel Whelan receipt — 1,070.  
25 — ditto — 1,520.  
31 — Bank of the United States — 1,590.  
20 & 28 April, Israel Whelan — 2,720  
\$ 7,020

Add this sum for Copper delivered the late  
Tench Francis in 1796 & 1797, and which  
is credited by the Treasury in the Mint accounts. — 1,811. 63  
Total Due 8,831. 63.

For the above you will please issue your warrants in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint,  
to be remitted for Copper purchased for coinage.  
I am respectfully,  
Sir,  
your very humble Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honble  
the  
Secretary of  
the  
Treasury.

Dear Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philadelphia 15<sup>th</sup> June 1802.  
Be pleased to issue a warrant in favour of the Treasurer  
of the Mint for 2,050 Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the  
Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the thirtieth in-  
stant, agreeably to the following Statement. see page 42.  
With sentiments of the most perfect consideration  
I have the honor to be

Dear Sir,  
your most obedient humble Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



90.  
P. Salmer Esq.  
Collector of  
the  
Customs.

Dear Sir,

I must beg the favour of you to sign a Certificate of my having duly demanded an Entry of the Copper platelets imported on account of the United States in the Ship Amiable from Liverpool, which is not admitted on account of my refusing to pay the duties on them. I enclose a certificate to save you trouble. As I am writing to the President on the subject, I wish to send him a copy of the Certificate, to let him see, that the difficulty arises solely on the demand of the duties.

I hope you will not attribute this refusal to any design of giving you unnecessary trouble, but from a conviction, that the existence of the Establishment in some measure depends on it. So convinced am I of this fact, that if after every legal opposition, it should be determined against me, I would rather resign my Office than to pay them, as I am confident it would gratify the enemies of the Mint, by putting a weapon into their hands, effectually to destroy it.

I am respectfully,

Dear Sir,

your very humble servant.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

P.S.

When the Casks are landed, they must be kept very dry, as if the Platelets should become black (which they will do by dampness) I should not be willing to receive them, after the determination - as they would be of little value.

91.  
The  
Secretary  
of the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for Four thousand Dollars for Incidentals & Contingent expenses & repairs of the Mint.

I am respectfully,

Your very humble servant

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 24<sup>th</sup> June 1802

Secretary of  
the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the Mint for Four thousand Eight hundred and sixty one Dollars Eighty two Cents and five mills for wastage on Gold and Silver as follows, viz:

1800  
September 18. This amount credited to Chief Coiner for 528 Ouz. of Silver Bullion stolen from him, which credit has been admitted by the Comptroller.  
December 31. Wastage on Gold allowed to Chief Coiner and Miller & Refiner from 22 April last to this day

612. 29. 5.

162. 22.

\$ 609. 23.

Wastage on Silver from ditto to ditto

271. 36. 5.

285. 80. 5.

1075. 51. 5.

557. 17.

1801.

December 31. Wastage on Gold allowed to Chief Coiner and Miller & Refiner from 1 January last to this day

280. 96

441. 25. 5

1322. 21. 5

Wastage on Silver from ditto to ditto

155. 79. 5.

141. 36.

297. 15. 5.

\$ 3261. 28. 5.

I am very respectfully

Sir,

Your very humble servant

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States

Philad. 6<sup>th</sup> August 1802.

Sir,

I am sorry to inform the President of the United States through you, that a malignant fever now spreading through this City leaves the Mint little hope of keeping the workmen of the Mint many days longer. It being within about 500 yards of the Mint has greatly alarmed us. Indeed, such is the state of men's minds on the occasion, that I think it



it might be advantageous, nor save to keep the Mint open, unless the disorder should suddenly disappear. My present expectations are, that all the public Officers will remove the next week.

As it is proper the President should know all our movements, I enclose a rough copy of the Orders I shall issue on case my fears are verified, that if any attention should be agreeable to Government, it may be made. — There is a very large sum in both Gold & Silver in the Mint, that cannot be worked up under four or five weeks.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir,  
Your very humble servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Secretary  
the Treasury.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 14th August 1802

Sir  
I have received your letter of 4th instant, in which you advise having directed the sums of 4000 & 1792. 99 Dollars to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Mint, which he has likewise received.

The Treasurer, in examining the account of Profit & Loss, which you allude to in your letter, finds, that on the 1st July 1799 this account was charged with 79. 45 Dols for 294 1/2 lb. Silver as waste wrought of Copper used by the Melters and Refiner for alloying Gold & Silver bullion, which should have been carried to the account of Profit & Loss on Copper. He has therefore received this sum more than necessary to cover the waste & it is December last, he will correct this error by a counter entry and there will be so much left received the next time. For the present he has carried this difference towards paying of the Gold deposits viz.

The Bank of the United States account of Gold Coins D<sup>r</sup> 358. 25. 5.  
for amount of waste on Gold 79. 45.  
also for so much more rec<sup>d</sup> in consequence of an Entry 437. 70. 5  
of 4th July 1799 to Profit & Loss on Copper } 1355. 28. 5.  
The Bank of the United States account of Silver Coins D<sup>r</sup> 1992. 99.  
for amount of waste on Silver }  
Amount of your warrant

I am with great respect Sir, Yours &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 21st Septer 1802.

Dear Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for 2650 Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the quarter ending the thirtieth instant agreeably to the following statement, viz: see p<sup>g</sup> 42.

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be

Dear Sir,  
Your thro. h<sup>g</sup> Servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

An Estimate of the Expenses of the Mint Establishment  
for the year 1802.

| Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Director                                      | \$ 2000. |
| Treasurer                                     | 1200.    |
| Assayer                                       | 1500.    |
| Chief Coiner                                  | 1500.    |
| Melter and Refiner                            | 1200.    |
| Engraver                                      | 700.     |
| 1 Clerk                                       | 1000.    |
| 2 ditto at 500 dols each                      | 1000.    |

Wages of Laborers.

In the wages of persons employed at the different branches of refining, melting, casting, carpenter's, millwright's & Smith's work, including the sum of Eight hundred Dollars & ann<sup>y</sup> allowed to an Assistant Coiner & Die forger, who also oversees the execution of the iron work. . . . . 6,500

Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs

|                                                                                                                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Repairs of Furnaces, cast of Rollers & Screws, Timber, bar-iron &c for Blacksmiths, millwrights and machinery work . . . . .        | 500 |
| Lead, Sulphur, Vitriol, Aqua fortis, Oil, Candles, Tallow and a variety of other articles necessary for the Establishment . . . . . | 500 |
| Wood & Coals used in the works . . . . .                                                                                            | 750 |
| Killing pots, Crucibles & Muffles . . . . .                                                                                         | 200 |
| Ironmongery . . . . .                                                                                                               | 200 |
| Hay & Corn for five Horses & probably expense of one . . . . .                                                                      | 600 |
| Stationary, for wood for the different Officers & Clerks . . . . .                                                                  | 150 |

Mint of the United States 26th October 1802. Dollars . . . 20,000  
In case Congress should pass a law to remove the Mint to Washington the ensuing year, there will have to be an appropriation made for that purpose.



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The  
Secretary of  
the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Herewith enclose four Receipts of Small Whelms for Cents paid  
by the Treasurer of the Mint to him, viz:

Mint of the United States  
Phila. d. 14th November 1802.

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| 1802. 12 June | \$54.60. |
| 30 ditto      | 1,8.50.  |
| 4. August     | 3,5.20.  |
| 20 September  | 5,1.31   |
|               | \$159.61 |

On account of the above you will please to issue your warrant in  
favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Eight thousand nine hundred and  
twenty seven Dollars and ten cents to be remitted for Copper purchased  
for Coinage.

I am respectfully

Sir,  
your very humble servant.  
Signed Elias Boudinot D. M.

John Blagge  
Esq.  
New York.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of yesterday, mentioning that  
a person in your City has about five tons of Copper Hoops, which he would  
wish to dispose of. The Mint is at present well stocked with Copper for making  
cents, but they might probably answer for half cents, if they are not corroded.  
I could not afford to give more than 20 cents a pound for them, delivered here.  
If this price will suit, you will please to let me know.

I am Sir,  
Yours &c &c  
Signed Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honorable  
the  
Secretary of the  
Treasury.

Sir, I am pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for \$250.00  
being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the quarter  
ending the thirty first instant agreeably to the following Statement. see pag. 42.  
With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be  
Sir, Yours &c &c  
Signed Elias Boudinot D. M.

To the President of the United States

7  
The Director of the Mint of the United States begs leave respectfully  
to make his annual report on the Affairs and State of the Mint.  
He is happy to inform the President, that the Bullion deposited in the  
Mint during the past year, has far exceeded, what was expected, at the beginning of it;  
notwithstanding the considerable cheques given to depositors for some time, by frequent  
reports from the Seat of Government, during the last Session of Congress, that the  
Mint would be abolished.

Since the first day of January 1802, there has been issued from the  
Mint a Sum, amounting in the whole, to Five hundred and Sixteen thousand  
one hundred and fifteen Dollars, 82 cents, as will appear, in detail, by the  
Schedule No. 1 herewith annexed, which have been added to the Current Coin  
of the Union. — Of this Sum about One Hundred and Twenty nine  
thousand Seven hundred and thirty Dollars in Value in Gold have been  
received from Bullion and Gold, just imported into the United States, and  
collected to the Mint, as a Center, from the different parts of the Union. The  
Balance of the Gold Coinage, has been coined from clipped, plugged and  
otherwise spoiled foreign Coins, which have been sent to the Mint as Bullion.  
Had not this whole Sum been coined in the United States, it must have  
been remitted to the European Markets in which case the Freight, Insurance  
and Commissions, with the Profits on the Cents, would have amounted to a  
Sum nearly equal to the Current Expenditures of the Mint.

All these Deposits were private property, the Certificates for which  
were sold, generally, as soon as given, to the Banks in this City, at a Fourth,  
and a half per Cent. Discount for the delay of Coinage. — The Banks are fond  
of keeping the Coin in their Vault, as part of their Capital, on account of the ease  
with which they are counted, without the trouble of weighing. — The Bank of  
the United States indeed, having considerable part of their Specie in this Coin,  
have been enabled, for some time past, to cancel their Five Dollars Notes, and sub-  
stitute the payment of the sum of half Eagle, by which our Coins begin to be  
more generally dispersed among the People.

There have never been any of the precious Metals coined on Account of  
the Government of the United States.

Comparative Issues from the Mint, for several years past, will  
appear



\* appear by Schedule N<sup>o</sup> 2. accounts annexed. — The Current Expenses of the Mint for the year past have amounted to twenty thousand four hundred and sixty <sup>two</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars as will appear by Schedule N<sup>o</sup> 3 from which the profits on the Copper Coinage amounting to about 5644 <sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars should be deducted. — Besides the Cents on hand we have near 24 Tons of Copper Marchetti ready for striking; the Coinage of which are in daily operation, at the rate of Fifteen thousand Cents a day.

It is a duty incumbent on the Director of the Mint, respectfully to call the President's attention to the expiration of the Law of the United States for continuing the Mint at Philadelphia, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March next, by its own limitation. It therefore becomes absolutely necessary, that the subject should be brought before Congress, so early, that provision may be made for the Contingency. — If Congress should rise without doing any thing therein, the Mint could not be continued in Philadelphia with propriety; neither could it be removed to the Seat of Government for want of a Law to authorize it.

It is but doing justice to merit, to say, that the Officers of the Mint, concerned in the Coinage, and the Workmen, have greatly increased in their professional knowledge, and have acquitted themselves with strict integrity, and particular attention to their several departments for many years past; so that not a Dollar has been lost, except in one solitary instance, when the Culprit was detected by their assiduity and care, prosecuted and punished: and it was by their exertions, that the Mint was kept open during the late distress of the City, by the Fever of last Summer.

If the Mint should remain in its present situation, there will be a necessity of at least two additional Waxes, and some repairs to the Machinery, part of it having been repaired the past year from necessity. At least Five hundred Dollars will be necessary, in that case, to be added to the usual Estimate, to be appropriated for the purchase of Wax and further repairs to the present Machinery.

All which is respectfully submitted to the President by his very obed<sup>t</sup> & very humble Servant,  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot, Dir<sup>r</sup> of the Mint of the U<sup>st</sup> States  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1803

# An Abstract of Coins struck at the Mint of the U<sup>st</sup> from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1802

|                              | Eagles    | Half Eagles         | Quarter Eagles | D <sup>s</sup> | Cts    | Totals       |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|--------------|
| Quarters ending March        | 4416      | 10,076              |                | 94,540         |        |              |
| June                         |           | 42,748              |                | 212,740        |        |              |
| September                    | 6,729     | 352                 | 1034           | 73,785         |        |              |
| December                     | 3,885     |                     | 958            | 41,285         |        | * vide below |
|                              | 15,090    | 53,476              | 2,612          |                |        | 1423,350.    |
| Total Amount of Gold Coins   |           |                     |                |                |        |              |
|                              | Dollars   | Half D <sup>s</sup> | Dimes          | Half dimes     |        |              |
| March                        | 9,841     | 7910                |                | 2,550          | 13,923 | 50           |
| June                         | 8,710     |                     |                |                | 8,710  |              |
| September                    | 957       |                     | 10,975         | 10,460         | 2,577  | 50           |
| December                     | 22,142    | 2,1980              |                |                | 23,132 |              |
|                              | 41,650    | 29,390              | 10,975         | 13,010         |        |              |
| Total Amount of Silver Coins |           |                     |                |                |        | 58,343       |
|                              | Cents     | Half Cts            |                |                |        |              |
| March                        | 970,600   |                     |                | 9,706          |        |              |
| June                         | 1,004,000 |                     |                | 10,040         |        |              |
| September                    | 801,000   |                     | 3200           | 8,051          |        |              |
| December                     | 593,500   |                     | 6,060          | 5,965          |        | 83           |
|                              | 3,435,100 |                     | 14,300         |                |        |              |
| Total amount of Copper Coins |           |                     |                |                |        | 34,422. 83   |

Total Amount of Coins issued by the Mint from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1802 inclusive } \$516,115. 83

\* Corrected by the Mint of the United States, Treasurer's Office  
3885 Eagles } 423310.  
958 Half Eagles }  
1034 Quarter Eagles }  
the total amount of the annual issue of the Mint is \$516,115. 83  
G. Ehrenkrantz



*An Abstract of the Expenditures of the Mint  
of the United States from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1802 inclusive.*

|                                                                  | Salaries of<br>Officers & Clerks | Expenses of<br>Incidentals | Eng.     | Total             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Quarter ending March                                             | 2,650.                           | 1,460.27                   | 1,442.   | 4,251.67          |
| " June                                                           | 2,650.                           | 1,434.23                   | 1,924.   | 4,276.64          |
| " September                                                      | 2,650.                           | 1,508.28                   | 2,259.   | 4,384.25          |
| " December                                                       | 2,650.                           | 1,436.67                   | 1,624.   | 4,550.07          |
|                                                                  | 10,600.                          | 5,839.45                   | 1,023.20 |                   |
| Total Amount of Expenditures of the Mint<br>during the Year 1802 |                                  |                            |          | Dollars 17,462.65 |

*Mint of the United States*

*Treasurer's Office Philad<sup>a</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> December 1802.*

*for Benjamin Rush*

*G. Ehrenzeller*

*A Statement of the Gain on Copper coined at the Mint  
of the United States from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1802 to 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive*

|         |    |                                                                                                                                                                                |           |          |
|---------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 5101.   | 13 | Balance remaining in the Coiner's hands, uncoined, on 31 <sup>st</sup> Decem <sup>r</sup> 1801. being part of the Invoice entered 12 <sup>th</sup> September 1801 amounting to | 18,741.17 |          |
|         |    | on which there was a Profit 1918.38. this sum will                                                                                                                             |           | 522.10   |
| 454.03  |    | be the proportion of said profit of Copper, per Entry of 10 <sup>th</sup> February 1802                                                                                        | 454.03    |          |
|         |    | Deduct for an Error in Invoice, as entered 18 <sup>th</sup> September 1801                                                                                                     | 11.67     |          |
| 32.16   |    | Ditto for returned by Chief Coiner in spoiled Blankets & Clippings, which will be used for alloying per Entry 14 <sup>th</sup> August                                          | 32.16     | 44.83    |
| 415.    | 87 | Amount of Invoice entered 22 Decem <sup>r</sup> 1801 and delivered to Chief Coiner on 20 Feb <sup>r</sup> 1802. on which there was a Profit                                    | 2,350.41  | 2,676.75 |
|         |    | Deduct allowed 4 October 1801 91.5 to Coiner for loss in weight.                                                                                                               |           |          |
|         |    | Ditto returned 14 Nov <sup>r</sup> 36.67 by ditto in Copper-Clippings                                                                                                          | 144.58.5  | 144.58.5 |
| 23,205. | 83 | Amount of Invoice entered 13 October 1802 on which there was a Profit of                                                                                                       | 10,998.75 | 2,289.42 |
|         |    | Deduct so much remaining yet in the hands of the Chief Coiner, uncoined, will take a proportion of the above Profit                                                            | 5,298.75  | 1,102.96 |
| 5,700.  |    |                                                                                                                                                                                |           | 1,186.47 |
| 34,422. | 83 | Amount of Copper coined in the Year 1802                                                                                                                                       |           |          |

*Amount of Profit in coining the above quantity. Dollars 5,644.32*

*Mint of the United States*

*Treasurer's Office Philad<sup>a</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1802.*

*for Benj<sup>m</sup> Rush*

*G. Ehrenzeller*



The Secretary  
of the Treasury.

Sir,

Be pleased to give your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Four thousand Dollars for Incidentals and Contingent Expenses and Disbursements of the Mint.

I am very respectfully,

Sir,

Your very L<sup>ty</sup> S<sup>t</sup>

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 1823.

The Honorable

John Danvers Esq

Chairman of

the Committee of

Revisals and

Amended Business.

Sir,

In compliance with the request of the Committee of Revisals and unfinished business, made known to me by your polite Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant, I hasten to give the best answer in my power.

As a list of the public property belonging to the Mint under my care, is pretty accurately enumerated in a letter, I wrote the Secretary of the Treasury under date of 22<sup>nd</sup> March last, in consequence of like application from him, I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of it, for the information of the Committee.

I have endeavored to estimate, as nearly as possible, the probable amount for which the real Estate therein mentioned would sell in the present low state of such property in this City. I have been led to fix on the sum of Eight thousand Dollars as the extent of its present value. As to the rest of the Items, they being peculiarly appropriate to a Mint, for which alone they are valuable, I am of opinion they would not (exclusive of the Copper) bring One thousand Dollars.

With our present experience, I should think, that a new and complete Mint, exclusive of a Steam Engine (with the expense of which I am unacquainted) might be built for fifteen thousand Dollars, not including the Site, which I should not consider as costing any thing so if well chosen, its rise in value, in a few years, might more than

double its first Cost. — However, about half the value of the present real Estate, would be fully equal to the purchase.

Thus having literally answered your request, shall I take the liberty to suggest, what is really the effect of longer experience, and a closer application to the subject, than before. — We have hitherto been supplied with the precious Metals, beyond our highest expectations; but a continuance of an equal supply in future, cannot be looked for with any degree of certainty, unless Congress in their wisdom can point out some new source of supply. We must yet have coined a single Dollar of the precious Metals for Congress. On this view of the subject, I conceive the present Establishment may answer for some years to come, as well as it has for several years past, with the small expense of a few hundred Dollars, and particularly for the purpose of getting rid of a trifling incumbrance in our local situation. — The supply of Bullion is not such, as to render a Steam Engine so necessary, as to justify the expense, unless a new Mint should be thought eligible, in which case, I should advise its adoption without hesitation.

It will be necessary, that some determination of Congress should take place this Session; for altho' the Law for establishing the Mint is without limitation, yet the temporary law for continuing it in this City, expires on the 14<sup>th</sup> March next; nevertheless there is no law requiring its removal.

I hope, Sir, that I have been as explicit on the Reference in your Letter, as you have wished, at least so, that you may be possessed of my Ideas on the subject.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir,

Your obedient & very humble Servant.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



The Honble  
Albert Gallatin Esq.  
Secretary of the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Eight hundred and seventy two Dollars and twenty Cents being the balance of the account of Profit and Loss, on 31 December last, and is to cover the wastage on Gold and Silver for last year.

I am, Sir, your Obedient Servant D. M.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Two thousand Six hundred and fifty Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the thirty first instant agreeably to the following Statement, viz:  
see fol. 42.

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be  
Sir, your Obedient Servant D. M.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

A pretty severe fit of the Gout must be my apology for not answering your polite letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo sooner. —  
When I first came into the administration of the Mint, I was directed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to take measures for ascertaining the Wastage necessary to allow to the Chief Coiners and Melters & Refiners. — I made the necessary experiments without letting the Officers know my object. — I consulted the best Goldsmiths in the City and enquired into the allowance made at the Mints in Europe, and settled two grains per Ounce to be the smallest allowance that could with propriety be made to them. — Ever since that has been the rule in settling the Wastage, that is one Grain per Ounce to each Officer. — I have also since had accounts regularly and find that the Officers must be

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> March 1800

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> March 1803

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> April 1803

103.  
be exceedingly careful and exact, to save themselves. — By our always keeping an exact account of the weight of Bullion and of the Coin, we also know, if it should not amount to that quantity, and thus cheque the whole, so as never to pay more, than is actually lost.

This same enquiry was made by the late Comptroller of the Treasury — A copy of my letter to him dated October 1798 I have enclosed. — If you refer to my annual Report to the President under date of 29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1798 in the Secretary of State's Office, you will find my then opinion on this business and the Complaints made to the President. — Committees of both Houses were appointed, and I appeared before them, and at this I urged the propriety of charging the Wastage to the Depositor, they unanimously agreed, that nothing must be charged, but the whole defrayed by the United States. — I then informed them, that I should with pleasure submit, but hoped the Mint would not be charged with being expensive, if they chose to give every thing to the Depositor. — Once more, the next year I think, the matter was brought before another Joint Committee, and the same result.

I think it necessary to mention, that Wastage cannot by any construction be brought under the terms melting & refining. — When I came to the Mint the whole was given to the Depositor, but in consequence of my representation, I got permission to charge for melting & refining on the principle, that this was a separate thing from coining, and in Europe performed by professional men out of the Mint, — as all Bullion brought to the Mint by Depositors for their own use, was there generally first brought to Standard — Since we charge what it really costs to refine it, either at the rate of 6 or 12 Cents per Ounce according to its purity.

I am very respectfully

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



No. 104.  
Secretary of  
the Treasury

Dear Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 27th June 1802.

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the  
Mint for Two thousand Six hundred and Fifty Dollars being the amount  
of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter  
ending the thirtieth Instant, agreeably to the following Statement, viz:

|       |        |                |         |
|-------|--------|----------------|---------|
| E. B. | D.     | \$ 2,000.      | \$ 500. |
| B. R. | T.     | 1,200.         | 300.    |
| H. V. | Ch. C. | 1,500.         | 375.    |
| J. R. | A.     | 1,500.         | 375.    |
| J. C. | M. R.  | 1,500.         | 375.    |
| R. S. | E.     | 1,200.         | 300.    |
| G. E. | C.     | 700.           | 175.    |
| L. S. | C.     | 500.           | 125.    |
| A. F. | C.     | 500.           | 125.    |
|       |        | Dollars 2,650. |         |

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be  
Dear Sir,

Yours very  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 24th August 1802

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your warrants in favor of the Treasurer  
of the Mint for Four thousand Dollars for Incidental and Contingent  
Expenses and Repairs of the Mint. I am very respectfully  
Yours very little Servant  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Comparative Statement of the Coins issued by the Mint  
of the United States, from the year 1798 to 1802, inclusive, viz:

|      |                                                                                                                                          | Gold.                     | Silver    | Copper.                    | Totals.     |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1798 | 77,741 Eagles,<br>24,867 Half dols.<br>614 Quarter Eagles.                                                                               | 77,740<br>124,325<br>1535 |           |                            | 205,610.    |
|      | 327,536 Dollars,<br>27,550 Dimes,                                                                                                        | 227,536<br>2,755          | 330,291   |                            |             |
|      | 179,700 Cents.                                                                                                                           |                           |           | 9,797                      | 545,698.    |
| 1799 | 17,482 Eagles,<br>7,151 Half dols.<br>480 Quarter dols.                                                                                  | 17,482<br>27,255<br>1,200 | 212,285   | 423,515                    |             |
|      | 423,515 Dollars,<br>104,385 Cents,<br>12,167 Half Cents }                                                                                |                           |           | 9,106.68                   | 645,906.68  |
|      | 25,965 Eagles,<br>11,622 Half Eagles }                                                                                                   |                           | 317,760   |                            |             |
| 1800 | 226,920 Dollars,<br>21,760 Dimes,<br>24,000 Half dimes }                                                                                 |                           |           | 224,296                    |             |
|      | 2,822,175 Cents,<br>211,520 Half Cents }                                                                                                 |                           |           | 292,779.40                 | 571,235.40. |
|      | 29,254 Eagles,<br>26,006 Half Eagles }                                                                                                   |                           | 422,570.  |                            |             |
| 1801 | 54,454 Dollars,<br>20,289 Half Dollars,<br>24,640 Dimes,<br>33,910 half Dimes }                                                          |                           |           | 74,758.                    |             |
|      | 1362,837 Cents.                                                                                                                          |                           |           | 13,628.27                  | 510,956.27. |
|      | 15,090 Eagles,<br>33,176 Half Eagles,<br>2,612 Quarter Eagles }                                                                          |                           | 423,350.  |                            |             |
| 1802 | 41,650 Dollars,<br>29,390 half Dollars,<br>10,975 Dimes,<br>13,010 half Dimes }                                                          |                           |           | 58,243.                    |             |
|      | 3435,100 Cents,<br>14,266 Half Cents }                                                                                                   |                           |           | 24,422.83.                 | 516,115.83. |
|      | Mint of the United States Treas. Office<br>Phil. 21st Decr. 1802.<br>for Com. Cash<br>G. Thompson                                        | 1,582,575                 | 1,111,203 | 96,224.28                  |             |
|      | 225 Copper Coins herefore<br>found amount in the whole to \$ 31,687.74. see page 25.<br>wherein Gold and Silver Coins at the same Price. |                           |           | Total Dollars 2,790,012.28 |             |



James Madison  
Esq.  
Secretary of State

Dear Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> September 1800.

I beg leave, this day, to inform the President of the United States, that a dangerous malignant fever has again appeared in this City, which will oblige me to shut up the Mint, for a short time. — I perhaps might have continued it open some little time longer, but having washed up the Bullion of every species and issued the Coin, I have no hopes in the present state of the City of any one making a fresh deposit, till the alarm is over. — We should of course be idle, and therefore on a plan of economy I have consented to this measure, as a few hundred dollars will be saved to the United States, and no loss sustained. — As it will take some days to make the necessary arrangements, if the President should disapprove the measure, a line signifying it, will be punctually attended to. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.  
Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1800.

Jonah Coxe  
Esq.

Sir,

There are 18 Casks of Coins amounting to 2,813<sup>58</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars ready to be paid to you or your order in the Mint of the United States. The Law makes it my duty to pay them to the Treasurer of the United States immediately on coining. I have therefore signed a warrant for that purpose, and beg you will send for them without delay, as I am about shutting up the Mint on account of the malignant fever in the City, and I must consider them hereafter at the request of the Treasurer. If you have no place to put them, you may have the use of one of the vaults in the Mint, provided you place them yours self and take the charge of them. — I am Sir &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

An Estimate of the Expenses of the Mint Establishment for the Year 1804.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 2,000.      |
| Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1,200.         |
| Treasurer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1,500.         |
| Assayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,500.         |
| Chief Coiner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1,500.         |
| Melter & Refiner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,200.         |
| Engraver                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 700.           |
| 1 Clerk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,000.         |
| 2 ditto at 500 each                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1,000.         |
| Expenses of Labourers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
| For wages of persons employed at the different branches of refining, melting, counting, carpenter's, millwright's work, including the sum of Eight hundred Dollars per an. allowed to an Assistant Assayer & Dispenser, who also conducts the execution of the Iron work | 6,500.         |
| Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |
| Repairs of furnaces, cost of rollers & screws, timber, bars iron &c for blacksmiths, millwrights and machinery work                                                                                                                                                      | 500.           |
| Lead, steel, potash, nitric acid, aqua fortis, oil, Candles, Tallow and a variety of other articles necessary for the Establishment                                                                                                                                      | 500.           |
| Wood & Coals used in the works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 750.           |
| Melting pots, Crucibles & muffles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 200.           |
| Iron machinery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 200.           |
| Hay & Corn for five Horses & probable expense of one                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 600.           |
| Stationary, furnished for the different Officers & Clerks                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 150.           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2,400.         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dollars 20,000 |

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> October 1800.

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing an Estimate of the probable Expenses of the Mint for the year 1804, agreeably to your request of Sept<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> by the Register and am with much respect

Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



Philadelphia 1802.  
Baltimore

Dear Sir,

Inclosed to you on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1801. David Stewart & Son's  
Bill on London for £1250. U. S. Bill protested for non payment, and which  
was sent to you for recovery. I have been long expecting to hear from you  
respecting the state of this business, and what prospect you have of receiving  
the same or what proportion. I have now to repeat my request, that you  
will please let me know as soon as possible, of the situation and prospect  
of this business, as I have been applied to by the Secretary of the Treasury,  
and must answer him as soon as I hear from you.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Having just received a considerable importation of Copper from  
Mr. Boutton, it will be necessary to remit Ten thousand Dollars im-  
mediately in payment - and as there is a larger balance due to the Mint  
from the Treasury, will you be so kind as to issue your warrant for that  
sum in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint without delay.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir Yours &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Recd 15<sup>th</sup> October 1802.

Mr. George Brining

Having received denunciations from the department of State, to ac-  
cuse into certain Charges made by you against the Chief Coiner of the  
Mint, I wish you to call on me and let me know, what witnesses you  
will want, and the time you will be ready to attend the examination, as  
it is necessary that a speedy report be made to the President.

Yours &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot  
D. M.

P. S. If I do not hear from you in a reasonable  
time I shall proceed to take the testimony of  
the Officers & Workmen in the Mint in your absence.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 1<sup>st</sup> November 1802.

I do hereby certify, that on the 16 day of October 1802. I left a copy of  
the within Notice with the wife of the within named George Brining at  
his usual dwelling house - That she answered me, that her husband had gone  
off from her some time ago and left her in great distress, and she knew not  
what had become of him - As Witness my hand this second day of  
November 1802.

(signed) Martin Summer

Door keeper to the Mint.

The Examination of the Officers & Workmen of  
the Mint of the United States taken this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Novbr  
1802. by the Director of the Mint by order of the Executive  
of the United States, on a Charge exhibited by George  
Brining against the Chief Coiner.

Adam Eckfeldt, Assistant to the  
Chief Coiner & Manager of the Smith's work  
of the Mint, being examined, answers as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> How long have you acted in the above Capacity in the Mint of the  
United States?

Answer: Since the year 1796, having before been in the  
Engravers department.

2<sup>d</sup> Do you know or have you reason to believe, that the Chief Coiner has  
heretofore employed any Workman in the public pay, during the working  
hours of the Mint, in his private business to the injury of the Mint,  
or to preventing the regular & constant duties of such Workman?

Answer: The Examinant knows of no such instance  
nor has he any reason to believe, that any such has ever occurred  
in the least, unless the following instances may be construed  
as such - When Mr. Voigt came to the Mint, he brought  
into the Mint his own Lathe for turning the Dies of  
the Mint - That this has been used since for public pur-  
poses without any charge for it on the part of Mr. Voigt.  
Last year when it was expected the Mint was to be abolished,  
Mr. Voigt



Mr Voigt asked the Examinant, how his Leather was to be mended, it being nearly worn out, the Examinant told him, as it had been worn out in the public service, it ought to be repaired at the public expense. — He accordingly directed one of the smiths, in the intervals of business to repair it. This he did without interfering with the common duties of the Mint, at half an hour or an hour at a time. — He supposes, that one man might have finished the work in three days. — Since the Mint has been continued, the Leather is still used for the public purpose. —

Another instance: Mr Voigt was applied to by a Mr Isaac Briggs calling himself Surveyor General at the Natchez to repair an Instrument he called a Transit and Chronometer, which was necessary in the public service. Mr Voigt undertook the direction of it under his journeyman in his private shop. — The Spindle of this was necessary to be forged and steeled. — This being a new piece of work, and no person being found, who could do it, Mr Voigt applied to the Examinant, who undertook to do it gratis merely to oblige him. — The Examinant performed the work in about three hours in the public shop, part of which was during the recess of business of the Mint. — There have also been a number of Medals of the President — some others for the Indian Trade and one for Commodore Ingham struck in the Mint, but the Examinant then and still thinks, that were done by permission of the Director of the Mint. — As to the Clock and Watchmaking business, Mr Voigt has a journeyman employed wholly independent of the Mint and who has no connexion with it. — The Examinant would not be thought to mean in what he had said, that himself, Mr Voigt, and the Workmen in general, have not on many occasions when they wanted it, forged a nail, or small piece for

for themselves, which did not go to the use of the Mint, as it often was saving time rather, than to let them go out of the Mint for it. — There are trifling instances, which it is impossible to remember, as it has some time on special occasions been done even for strangers, who happen to come to the Mint. —

Another instance, was, there being a necessity for a number of Screw-Plates for the Mint, the Examinant was applying to a Workman out of the Mint to make them. Mr Voigt, hearing of it, told him, that he would direct his journeyman to repair a Machine for making them, belonging to himself, if He, Mr Eckfeldt, would let him do, what forging was necessary to accomplish it, in the public shop, and for so doing He, Mr Eckfeldt, might make as many Screw-plates, as he pleased with the Machine gratis. — This being a small saving to the Mint he accordingly agreed to it and it was done accordingly. —

Do you know or have you reason to believe, that the Chief Coiner has hitherto used any of the Materials, the property of the Mint, such as Iron, Steel, Coal &c &c or any other thing being public property for his own private use or emolument? —

Answer: He does not know or believe, that any such thing has happened in the Mint, but as above set forth.

Do you not generally examine and correct all the accounts of the Workmen of the Mint in the Chief Coiner's department, before they are submitted to the Treasurer for payment? —

Answer: He does —

Do you know, or have you reason to believe, that any charge has been made, or public Money paid to any Workman or other person for their time or services not actually performed in the Mint and for the public use? —

Answer: He does not. —

(Signed) Adam Eckfeldt,



Lodewyck Sharpe Clerk in the Mint for the  
keeping and paying the Accounts of the Workmen so as

1<sup>st</sup> How long have you been in this Character in the Mint?

Answer: from the year 1794.

2<sup>d</sup> Do you know, or have you reason to believe, that any charge has ever been  
made or public monies paid directly or indirectly by the Chief-Coiner, or other  
person in the Mint, to any Workman or other person for their time or  
services not actually performed in or for the Mint and to the public use?

Answer: He does not, nor has he reason to believe it has  
ever been done.

(signed) Lodewyck Sharpe

William Littlewood Foreman of the Mint.

1<sup>st</sup> How long have you been a Workman in the Mint?

Answer: about seven years.

2<sup>d</sup> Do you know, or have you reason to believe, that any Workman or other  
person belonging to the Mint, have been engaged during working hours  
in the private service of the Chief-Coiner of the Mint, or any other  
person?

Answer: He knows of no such thing, excepting now and  
then, when no immediate business was doing in the Mint,  
he has been called upon to do some trifles for Mr. Wright and  
Mr. Eckhardt. He particularly remembers assisting at  
the repairing a Lathe, which had been worn out in the public  
service, for Mr. Wright, it being his private property, it is  
still used in the public service.

3<sup>d</sup> Do you know, or have you reason to believe, that any Workman or other  
person has ever been paid any public monies for services performed for the  
private emolument of the Chief-Coiner or any other person?

Answer: He never has.

(signed) William Littlewood.

John Shreiner Regulator of the precious metals in the Mint.

1<sup>st</sup> How long have you been in the public service in the Mint of the United  
States? Answer: Going on seven years.

2<sup>d</sup> Do you know or have you reason to believe, that any Workman or any other  
person belonging to the Mint have been ever engaged during working hours  
in the private service of the Chief-Coiner of the Mint or any other person?

Answer: He does not know of any such instance, neither  
does he believe it, as he thinks no such thing could have taken place  
without his knowledge.

3<sup>d</sup> Do you know or have you reason to believe, that any Workman or other person in  
the Mint has ever been paid any public monies for the services performed for  
the private emolument of the Chief-Coiner or any other person?

Answer: He does not, neither has he any reason to believe  
or suspect such an instance.

(signed) John Shreiner

Lewis Betting Millwright & Carpenter to the Mint.

1<sup>st</sup> How long have you been in the public service in the Mint?

Answer: about six years.

2<sup>d</sup> Do you know, or have you reason to believe, that any Workman or any  
other person belonging to the Mint have been ever engaged during working  
hours in the private service of the Chief-Coiner of the Mint, or any  
other person?

Answer: He does not — neither does he believe it.

3<sup>d</sup> Do you know or have you reason to believe, that any Workman or any  
other person in the Mint, has ever been paid any public monies for services  
performed for the private emolument of the Chief-Coiner or any other  
person.

Answer he does not, neither does he believe it.

(signed) Lewis Betting



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Robert D. Wood  
Comptroller  
of the Treasury

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 10<sup>th</sup> November 1802.

Sir,  
I have duly received your favor of 24<sup>th</sup> Ultimo requesting information respecting the state of a claim against Messrs. Davis Stewart & Sons for a protested Bill of Exchange of theirs held by the Mint of the United States. Immediately upon receipt of your letter I wrote to Mr. Hollingsworth, the Attorney General at Baltimore in whose hands it was placed for recovery, and this morning I have received an answer from him, the copy of which you have on the opposite side, by which you can see in what train the business is. When it is decided, I will advise you farther.

I am &c &c  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honble  
the Secretary  
of State

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 26<sup>th</sup> Novbr 1802.

Sir,  
+ Having just imported about thirty tons of Copper for the use of the Mint, I am informed by my Correspondent, that Copper will hereafter be raised from 116<sup>th</sup> Sticks to 140<sup>th</sup> per ton. — There is also a duty of Convey of 4<sup>th</sup> per cent charged on it, and Bills with an Indorse cannot be had under 175<sup>th</sup> per cent. — All this will make the Cents issued from the Mint, as high as their real value, if not higher. — The quantity of Cents already issued, seems to have been sufficient for the use of the United States by so many remaining on hand. — The addition of thirty tons will exceed the quantity immediately necessary. It is therefore with respectful confidence in the President's judgment, I submit to him the question of propriety of forbearing to order another importation of Copper for the next spring, till we see what the next year will bring about as to the price of Copper and Exchange. — It will be necessary to determine on our line of conduct before the Fall. I hope I have the honor to be very respectfully  
Yours &c &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

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Mint of the United States  
Philad. 26<sup>th</sup> December 1802.

The Secretary  
of the Treasury

Sir,  
Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for two thousand five hundred and fifty Dollars being the amount of the salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant, agreeably to the following Statement — see page 104.  
I am &c &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Secretary  
of State

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 7. 1803.

Sir,  
I have the honor of enclosing my annual report of the Year of the Mint for the information of the President of the United States. — Sometimes since I sent the Examinations relative to the Charges made by George Brining against the Chief Clerk of the Mint, which I hope got safe to hand. — Mr. Voigt is in a disagreeable predicament, while he remains in a state of uncertainty with regard to the sentiments of the President. — Indeed it would be advantageous to the discipline of the Mint to know the mind of the President on the subject, particularly if he should be satisfied with the result of the inquiry. — Brining turns out a bad character and we have lately recovered a number of Tools he had privately taken from the Mint. —

I have the honor to be with great respect  
Sir,  
Your very Oble servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



To the President of the United States.

The Director of the Mint of the United States, on the commencement of the New Year, respectfully makes the following report of the Year of the Mint from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1803 to the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same Year.

Notwithstanding the dull prospect at the beginning of the Year, the Exchange of every kind amounts in the whole to the sum of Three hundred and Seventy thousand Six hundred and Ninety eight Dollars and Fifty three Cents, as well appears in detail by the Schedule N<sup>o</sup> 1. herewith annexed.

The current Expenses of the Mint have been reduced to the sum of Seventeen thousand Seven hundred and Five Dollars and Ninety five Cents, as well appears from Schedule N<sup>o</sup> 2, and the Profit on the Copper Coinage has amounted to Five thousand and Ninety five Dollars and Forty eight Cents, as appears by Schedule N<sup>o</sup> 3.

It appears to be the duty of the Director respectfully to remind the President, that, in case the Loan Office in this City should be abolished by Law, provision must be made for a Commissioner to attend the Inspection and Asaying the second time during the past Year, on the second Monday in February next, in the room of the Commissioners of Loans, if he should be removed.

All which is respectfully submitted to the President by  
his very obedient & very able servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

An Abstract of Coins struck at the Mint of the United States  
from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1803.

|                              | Eagle      | Half Eagle   | Quarter Eagle | Dollar   | Half Dollar | Total      |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Quarters ending in March     |            |              | 122           | 1037.00  |             |            |
| June                         |            | 20,091       |               | 100,433. |             |            |
| September                    | 4,816.     | 7,511        |               | 85,713.  |             |            |
| December                     | 4,163.     | 3,904        |               | 71,150.  |             |            |
|                              | 8,979.     | 20,506.      | 122.          |          |             |            |
| Total Amount of Gold Coins   |            |              |               |          |             | 258,377.50 |
|                              | Dollars    | Half Dollars | Quarters      | Dimes    | Cents       | Total      |
| Quarters ending in March     | 27,677.    |              | 21,250.       | 24,120.  | 12,521.     |            |
| June                         | 16,167.    |              |               |          | 16,167.     |            |
| September                    |            | 21,715.      | 16,600.       | 27,200.  | 16,210.     |            |
| December                     | 12,220.    |              |               |          | 12,220.     |            |
|                              | 66,064.    | 21,715.      | 23,040.       | 27,850.  |             |            |
| Total Amount of Silver Coins |            |              |               |          |             | 87,118.00  |
|                              | Cents      | Half Cents   |               |          |             | Total      |
| Quarters ending in March     | 882,200.   |              |               |          | 882.        |            |
| June                         | 1,043,800. |              |               |          | 10,438.     |            |
| September                    | 281,353.   | 5,900.       |               |          | 2,813.3     |            |
| December                     | 264,000.   | 92,000.      |               |          | 2,100.      |            |
|                              | 2,471,353. | 97,900.      |               |          |             |            |
| Total Amount of Copper Coins |            |              |               |          |             | 25,202.00  |

Amount of Coins struck at the Mint in 1803 370,698.50

Mint of the United States  
Treasury Office Philad. 31<sup>st</sup> December 1803



Statement of the Gain on Copper coined at the Mint of the United States from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1802.

|                       |              |             |                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Decem <sup>r</sup> 31 | 5,162.       | 3,291. 75.  | Amount remaining in hands of the Chief Coiner, as per Abstract rendered, in which there was a Profit of 100. 96.                        |
| 1802.                 |              |             |                                                                                                                                         |
| January 25.           |              | 126. 75.    | Deduct returned by him in Special Warrants. 27. 70. 126. 75.                                                                            |
| 25.                   | 5,162.       | 17,122. 50. | Amount of Issues of Copper Coin. 51,000. 1802. & drawn to Ch. Coiner's day, in which there was a Profit of 2746. 24.                    |
| August 8.             |              | 220. 97.    | Deduct returned by him in Special Warrants. 24. 66. 220. 97.                                                                            |
|                       | 169. 11. 53. |             | allotted to him for difference of Weight. 186. 24 in Copper drawn since 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb <sup>r</sup> . 220. 97.                    |
| 29.                   | 29.          |             | Half cents made from the Ch. Coiner, made for the Special Warrants. 29. 50.                                                             |
| March 7.              |              | 14,652. 83. | Amount of Issues of Copper drawn to Ch. Coiner this day in which there was a Profit of 2612. 50.                                        |
| Decem <sup>r</sup> 31 |              | 109,50. 83. | Deduct so much yet remaining in hands of the Ch. Coiner, Uncoined, which will take a Proportion of above profit. 2,029. 10. 109,50. 83. |
|                       | 2,100.       |             | Amount of Profit in coming end Jan Dec <sup>r</sup> 574. 40.                                                                            |
|                       | 25,202. 03.  |             | Amount of Copper coined in 1802. 5095. 48.                                                                                              |

Mint of the United States  
Treasurer's Office Philad<sup>a</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1802.

In Abstract of the Expenditures of the Mint of the United States from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1802.

|                               | Salaries | Wages       | Incidental | Totals     |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1802. Quarter ending in March | 2,650.   | 1,424. 97.  | 380. 77.   | 4,455. 74. |
| June                          | 2,650.   | 1,408. 11.  | 505. 74.   | 4,563. 85. |
| September                     | 2,650.   | 1,327. 84.  | 422. 40.   | 4,400. 24. |
| December                      | 2,650.   | 1,032. 41.  | 602. 71.   | 4,286. 12. |
|                               | 10,600.  | 5,193. 33.  | 1,912. 62. |            |
| Amount                        | Dollars. | 17,705. 75. |            |            |

Mint of the United States  
Treasurer's Office Philad<sup>a</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1802.



No. 120  
Richard B. B. Esq.

General Madison  
Sir,

Please to take notice, that a meeting of the Commissioners for  
settling the Coin of the past year, of whom by law you are one, will meet at  
the Mint on Monday morning next at Ten o'clock, to proceed in the  
execution of that trust.

I am with great respect, &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> February 1804.

H. H.  
the  
Secretary of  
State.

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The letter might  
be sent previously  
to the Examination  
on page 109.

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1803.

Your favor of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ultimo came to hand before the Mint was  
closed, which has occasioned the delay of this answer.

The Charge against the Chief-Coiner greatly surprised me, as  
I thought such a thing almost impossible without my knowledge. —  
I was aware, that he had a small Shop in the neighborhood of the Mint,  
where he kept a Journeyman for the purpose of cleaning and mending Clocks  
and Watches under his superintendence, as he was unable to support his  
family on his Salary. Nothing in this business could require the use of  
Iron, Steel or Coal, but in the smallest way. — I had been very attentive  
to his conduct in this respect, that the Mint might not be impaired to the  
least disadvantage by this indulgence. — I found, that this work done in  
his Shop was chiefly of the trifling kind, and could in no way interfere with  
his duty in the Mint. — He desired, last I might have been deceived,  
I determined to make a formal Examination into the business. —  
Accordingly the Notice No. 1. was left at George Brinings usual place  
of abode. — The Doorkeeper was informed by his wife, that he had some  
time since left her in great distress, and she knew not what had become  
of him. — Yesterday I sent again to his house, but he had not yet been  
heard of. — I then proceeded to an Examination of the principal Workmen  
of the Mint separately, in presence of some of the Officers of the Mint  
as could attend. — The charge appeared to be unfounded, as if any protest  
whatever, it merely consisted in some trifling things done in the name of

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the working hours. — It would be impossible to prevent and impede to follow  
a Workman, when he wanted it, from making a hook as a rest for him-  
self, especially while their Wages are lower than is given out of the Mint.  
My opinion is, that the public Interest has been carefully attended to, and  
there is no colour for the Charge brought against the Chief-Coiner by Brining.  
Indeed I think as the whole business of the Mint is chequed, it would be  
impossible, without a combination of several Officers at a time.

For the President's satisfaction I enclose the Examinations  
No. 2. on which I found my opinion as well as on my own knowledge.  
They were taken under the impression, that they were all to be sworn to,  
but as Mr Vingt is a respectable old man, and has been a public servant  
for many years, and was much hurt by the Charge, I did not think it  
best to call in a Magistrate, till you saw the Examinations and re-  
quested the attestation of an oath. — It was also saving some expences.  
On the least intimation it shall be done.

I have a confident hope, that the President will be satis-  
fied with the justice of the Charge, and if so, it would be very  
gratifying to Mr Vingt to know it, as he seems to lay it greatly to  
heart. — I have inquired into Brining's Character and find, that altho'  
he behaved well in the Mint, till having taken umbrage at Mr Vingt's  
refusing to get his Wages raised, he demanded his discharge and after-  
wards went off with a woman of bad fame and left his wife in great  
poverty and distress.

I have the honor to be, with great respect

Sir,  
Your very humble servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Albert Gallatin  
Secretary of  
the Treasury.

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1804.

The last Warrant received from you for Ten thousand  
Dollars to be remitted for Copper purchased, has been forwarded in  
Sterling bills to Mr Broun, and there is still a balance remaining  
due to him of £ 2,967. 17. 4. Sterling, which at 172 1/2, the present  
Exchange



Exchange, would make in Dollars 12652.24. For this sum I will  
thank you to issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the  
Mint, that same may be remitted to Mr. Boutton, as I do not wish  
to keep him longer in advance for account of the Mint.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honble  
Dr. Wm. Easton

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1804.

As soon as I received your favor of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant,  
I directed the proper Assay to be made of the Gold enclosed. — It was  
undoubtedly in a state of nature and had never passed thro' the fire. —  
I had formerly received and assayed several pieces from North Carolina,  
and one from Virginia, much of the same kind. — The Assayer's report  
of the piece enclosed in your letter, which he has just made, is as follows:

"The sample of Gold sent by Dr. Easton, had not only more  
dirt adhering to it, but is inferior in quality to either of the former  
samples received from North Carolina. — It lost about 6<sup>th</sup> C.  
in melting — after being cleaned and assayed, it proved to be  
better than Standard, One Ounce of it being equal to One Ounce  
and twelve Grains of Standard Gold." — It is therefore worth  
about Eighteen Dollars  $\frac{22}{100}$  & Ounces.

I am sorry to find by your letter, that the large lump,  
that was found in North Carolina, has been melted up, as I am sure  
that 15<sup>th</sup> C. loss is far beyond what ought to have been expected, and  
from Mr. Rind's letter to me, I supposed, that he would have sent it  
to the Mint. —

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1804.

The Honble  
Mr. J. Tucker  
Treasurer of the  
Mint

Sir,

The distribution of Gold thro' out the Union is a matter  
of considerable consequence. — It is customary for people in the Country  
to send to the Mint for a supply, not knowing of any other place for

for it. — The Banks are accustomed to counting out Ten Dollars at a time, and  
much difficulty has ensued. — Under the former Treasurer, I had a general  
order to let people have them as they applied and to pay the Cash to  
the receiver under the Treasurer here, as so much Copper. — If this should  
be agreeable to you, I would still do the same for the benefit of Citizens  
applying for small supplies.

I have the honor to be very respectfully  
Sir,  
Yours, &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Director of the Mint of the United States,  
to all whom these presents may come.

I know ye, that on the recommendation of the Officers of the said Mint  
and by virtue of the authority to me given, I do hereby appoint Philip Summers  
of the City of Philadelphia, Doorkeeper & Watchman to the said Mint, for and  
during the pleasure of the Director of said Mint for the time being, and to  
receive the Salary to said Doorkeeper & Watchman established. — In Witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Mint this  
Twelfth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight  
hundred and Four.

Countersigned

Adolphus Fischer

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Honble  
The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 20<sup>th</sup> March 1804.

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint  
for Two thousand Two hundred and Fifty Dollars being the amount of the Salaries  
due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending this thirty first  
Instant, agreeably to the following Statement — see page 104.

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be

Sir,  
Yours, &c.  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.



The Comdr  
of the  
State

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 21<sup>st</sup> March 1804.

Having lately lost, by death, two or three of our Workmen at the Mint, whose places I have power to supply, I am led respectfully to suggest, that you, to the President of the United States, the propriety of authorising me as Director of the Mint, to supply the Place of any Officer of the Mint, (who may be removed by death) from the surviving Officers, till a new appointment by the President; as, if such an occurrence should happen, while a large quantity of the precious Metals was passing thro' the Mint, very serious injury might arise to the public interest, before the President could be advised of the event and make a new appointment.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

The Comdr  
of the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 13<sup>th</sup> April 1804

Be pleased to issue two Warrants in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, one for Four thousand Dollars for Incidental & Contingent Expenses and Repairs of the Mint; the other for One thousand Two hundred and Seventy two Dollars and Sixty four Cents being the balance of the account of Profit & Loss on 31<sup>st</sup> December last and is to cover the Wastage on Gold & Silver for last year.

I have the honor to be very respectfully  
Sir,  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

For 1000 Cont. Exp:  
1,272. 64. Wastage  
\$ 5,272. 64

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1804.

The Secy  
of the  
Treasury.

Dear Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Two thousand Six hundred and Fifty Dollars being the amount of Salaries due to the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the Thirtieth Instant, agreeably to the following statement. (see page 104.)

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be  
Dear Sir,  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 20<sup>th</sup> September 1804

The Secy  
of the  
Treasury.

Dear Sir,

Be pleased to issue a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Two thousand Six hundred and Fifty Dollars being the amount of the Salaries due to the Officers and Clerks of the Mint for the Quarter ending the Thirtieth Instant, agreeably to the following statement. — (see page 104.)

With sentiments of the most perfect consideration I have the honor to be  
Dear Sir,  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.



# An Estimate of the Expenses of the Mint Establishment for the Year 1805.

## Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint.

|                     |          |        |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Director            | \$2,000. |        |
| Treasurer           | 1,200.   |        |
| Assayer             | 1,500.   |        |
| Chief Coiner        | 1,500.   |        |
| Melter & Refiner    | 1,500.   |        |
| Engraver            | 1,200.   |        |
| 1 Clerk             | 700.     |        |
| 2 ditto at 500 each | 1,000.   | 10,600 |

## Wages of Labourers

For Wages of persons employed at the different branches of refining, melting, coining, carpenter's, millwright's & smith's work, including the sum of Eight hundred dollars per annum allowed to an assistant Coiner & Discharger, who also oversees the execution of the Iron-work. . . . . 6,500.

## Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs

|                                                                                                                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Repairs of furnaces, cost of rollers & screws, timber, bar-iron &c for black smiths, millwrights and machinery-work. . . . .             | 500.            |
| Seed, stub, potatoes, oatmeal, aqua forte, oil, candles, tallow and a variety of other articles necessary for the Establishment. . . . . | 750.            |
| Wood & coals used in the works. . . . .                                                                                                  | 200.            |
| Melting pots, crucibles & muffles. . . . .                                                                                               | 200.            |
| Ironmongery. . . . .                                                                                                                     | 600.            |
| Hay and corn for Horses and probable expense of and                                                                                      | 150.            |
| Stationary fire wood for the different Offices & Clerks. . . . .                                                                         | 2,400.          |
|                                                                                                                                          | Dollars 20,000. |

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> October 1804.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> October 1804.

The  
Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,  
I have the honor of enclosing an Estimate of the probable expenses of the Mint for the year 1805 agreeably to your request of October 6<sup>th</sup> by the Register and am with great respect

Sir,  
Yours &c.  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> October

The  
Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,  
Having received a considerable importation of Copper from Mr Baulton, it will be necessary to remit Ten thousand Dollars immediately in payment - and as there is a larger balance due to the Mint from the Treasury will you be so kind as to issue your warrant for that sum in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint without delay.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir,  
Yours &c.  
(Signed) Elias Boudinot  
D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad<sup>a</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> November 1804

Joshua  
Cox

Sir,  
I am again solicited by the People of New York about Bents. - They make heavy complaints of the nonexecution of the Law, which requires the Treasurer to send Bents to every place where there is a Branch bank &c. They suppose the Law means, that the Treasurer of the Mint should do this, and therefore address themselves to me. - I have had four applications from the Bank at New York, who are in great want of them, and will take them at the Bank at New York. - I fear public complaint will soon follow, which I wish could be prevented. - There are plenty now ready for delivery and I wish at least Six Casks were sent to New York, as the



the Bank at New York will take Two or Three.

I am Sir,  
Yours Most obedient  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury.

Sir,

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 19th November 1804.

Having just received a considerable impostation of Copper from Mr Boudinot, to whom immediate payment is to be made, enclosing the amount lately received from the Treasury, I beg of you the favor to issue another warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Six thousand Nine hundred and Forty Nine Dollars and Fifty four Cents, which is the amount of the balance due to Matthew Boudinot for this impostation of planchets.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

D<sup>rs</sup> 6,949. 54

Sir  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 4th December 1804.

The Secretary  
of the  
Treasury

Sir,

Be pleased to issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for One thousand Dollars for incidental and contingent Expenses and Repairs of the Mint.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir,  
Yours &c  
(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Mint of the United States  
Philad. 7th December 1804.

The  
Secretary  
of State

Sir,

When I came to the Directorship of the Mint, I found a large frame building, containing a very large Furnace built at the skirts of the Town on a Lot of Mr Penn, with the consent of his Agent without rent, which I was informed was absolutely necessary for conducting the business of the Mint. I found it an expensive establishment, but submitted to it as a case of necessity. On a further acquaintance with the Coinage department, and on making some new arrangements, I was happy to find it was wholly unnecessary, and have for some years, made use of it merely as a store-house for Coals &c. It is now in want of repair, which cannot be done without considerable expense. The use of it is not worth the repair, and we are now called upon to remove it, or submit to a reasonable rent for the Lot. I submit it therefore to the consideration of the President, to have the Iron, (of which there is a considerable quantity round the Furnace) taken for the use of the Mint, and the ruins of the house sold at public auction for the benefit of the Mint. This will perhaps bring 2 or 300 Dollars, which will be so much saved to the United States.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir,

Your very humble servant  
(signed) Elias Boudinot.  
D. M.



